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CANTON OFFICIAL DISCHARGED.

CASE AGAINST OTHER PROCEEDS.

MR. POTTER CRITICISES THE CANTON DELAY.

ELEVEN CHARGES.

When the case concerning the two former Canton officials was called this morning, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of the Crown indicated to Mr. R. E. Lindell that he had examined the papers relating to the second defendant, Choy Shiu-un, and had no further intention of proceeding against him. Choy Shiu-un was accordingly discharged.

It will be recalled that Wong Chung-chu, a former Finance Commissioner of Canton, who held office during the "Ironside" regime, and Choy Shiu-un, who during Wong's commissionership was manager of the Central Bank of China, were charged jointly with the alleged theft of huge sums of money from the Central Bank of China.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, appeared for the two defendants, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

Regarding the first defendant, Mr. Sheldon stated that the requisition from Canton had not arrived but he proposed, with his Worship's consent, and with the consent of Counsel for the defence, to open the case.

There was nothing, said Mr. Sheldon, in the Ordinances to suggest that the procedure was irregular.

Futile Suggestion.

Mr. Potter, in a lengthy statement, reminded his Worship that he could use the discretion vested in him by the Ordinance and discharge the defendant. He recalled to his Worship's memory the fact that the defendant was arrested on January 5 in the ordinary way, obviously on information received from Canton. It was, therefore, futile to suggest that the Canton authorities were in any way embarrassed by the fact that they were not in possession of all the information in regard to the defendant.

Continuing, Mr. Potter pointed out that no attempt had been made to explain the delay in receipt of the requisition, and suggested that his Worship should exercise the discretion vested in him by the law and discharge the defendant. The police could always re-arrest the defendant at some later date, if it was necessary.

Diplomatic Channels.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that the alleged crime of the defendant, for which extradition was asked, happened on December 28, less than a month ago, and that the extradition proceedings began less than a fortnight ago. The documents in extradition proceedings had to pass through diplomatic channels from the Government of Canton to the Government of Hongkong, and in view of the fact that the prosecution was quite willing to go on, in less than a fortnight, he felt that there never had been a case where such celerity was shown.

Mr. Potter then stated that his experience in other cases had been that the requisition had come down with great promptness. The Court to preserve its standing should not be asked to wait on the Canton authorities. He suggested that his Worship should discharge the defendant and leave the authorities in Canton to take whatever remedy they saw fit to take. In the absence of a requisition from Canton he said that the court could adopt no other procedure.

After further legal argument in the course of which Mr. Sheldon indicated that the requisition was in the hands of the Consul-General in Canton and had been for the past four days, Mr. Sheldon stated he was prepared to open the case and give the advisers of the fugitive.

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REPORTED BANK FAILURES.

MANY SAID TO HAVE CLOSED IN CANTON.

HEAVY LIABILITIES.

Seven prominent native banks in Canton City announced bankruptcy on the day before Chinese New Year's Eve, according to Chinese press reports, their total liabilities being \$2,000 or more.

On the following day, more than twenty other native banks also declared their inability to continue business, if a further Canton report is to be believed. There are normally over 170 native banks in Canton, and more than thirty of them are now said to have closed.

The troubles facing native banks are due to the many political upheavals during the past year. Firstly, there was the anti-'Red' campaign on the 15th of April; secondly, the 'Ironside' coup on the 11th of November, when the troops of Li Chai-sum were deposed and disarmed; and, finally, the most disastrous occurrence of all, there was the 'Red' reign of terror which began on the 11th of December and lasted three days.

Accompanying these political upheavals were the bank note troubles, causing the value of the Central Bank notes to decline heavily. In addition, the bankers say they suffer from the recent \$10,000,000 Treasury Bond issue.

Another report says that seven textile factories in Canton closed down during the week-end.

BLUE FUNNEL BOAT ABLAZE.

SERIOUS FIRE ON CALCHAS AT LIVERPOOL.

London, Jan. 25.

Fire broke out in the hold of the "Blue Funnel" s.s. Calchas yesterday while the vessel was lying alongside the Liverpool Docks loading cargo for Penang.

It was extinguished after a long fight, the conflagration being more serious before it was necessary to cut through plates in order to get to the seat of the outbreak.

The ship's fittings were seriously damaged, but fortunately very little cargo happened to be on board.

The a.s. Calchas, will in spite of the fire, sail on January 28th, for the East, in accordance with schedule.—Reuter.

The Calchas is one of the finest of the Blue Funnel fleet, being 489 feet long, while her gross tonnage is 10,000 tons. A regular visitor to Hongkong, she has recently been on the Blue Funnel London-Far East run.

THE NICARAGUAN OPERATIONS.

SANDINO'S STRONGHOLD OCCUPIED.

Managua, Jan. 25.

The United States marines which left on the expedition against General Sandino's stronghold in the hills has occupied the district without resistance.

The stronghold was on the Elchipe Mountain which was bombed by U.S. aeroplanes on January 16th.—Reuter's American Service.

NORWAY'S LABOUR CABINET.

NOTED PROFESSOR ACCEPTS FOREIGN MINISTRY.

Oslo, Jan. 25.

Mr. Hornsrud, the Labourite farmer, has accepted the Premiership and is forming a Cabinet. The noted historical professor, Professor Edward Bull, has accepted the portfolio of Minister for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

TO-DAY.

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SWATOW NOT YET TAKEN.

FIERCE BATTLE NEAR CITY.

CASUALTIES SAID TO TOTAL THOUSANDS.

IRONSIDES RETREAT.

Latest reports from the upper course of the East River point to the fact that Swatow has not been captured either by the "Ironsides" or the Communists.

About ten days ago, a large detachment of "Ironsides," led by General Hsieh Yo and Hsu Chai-yui, of the "Leftist" Army, after a severe struggle with the Kwangsai troops from Swatow, captured and entered Hsinghsien, which is situated north-west of Swatow. One vernacular report asserts that the siege of Hsinghsien lasted for a day and a night, and the fighting resulted in almost the whole of the troops under General Chen Ta-chun, a staunch supporter of General Li Chai-sum, being killed or taken prisoner.

General Wounded.

However, more Kwangsai troops of General Chan Chai-tung arrived from Swatow on the following day and the "Ironsides," hopelessly outnumbered, retreated from Hsinghsien to the border of Kiangsi in the northern part of Kwangtung. The Kwangsai troops made a successful pursuit and one Canton report states that Hsu Chai-yui, the Commander of one "Ironside" Division, was killed and General Hsieh Yo was wounded.

Swatow is now said to be quiet. The city is occupied by Kwangsai troops numbering some 4,000. Large detachments of Kwangsai troops are also stationed in the vicinity of Swatow. These include one full regiment of General Pai Chung-hsi's units at Kitayang, which is north-west of Swatow, and another full regiment at Chao-an. In addition, the three biggest gunboats of the Canton Navy, the Chungshun, Haichuan and Faiyung, are said to be securing the waters near Swatow. Moreover it is stated that there are five full divisions of Kwangsai troops on the upper course of the East districts ready to meet the fleeing "Ironside" remnants.

Heavy Casualties.

According to an official report, which has reached the Canton Government, it is estimated that at least 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers must have perished during the big battle about ten days ago on the upper East River.

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CHILEAN OIL WELLS.

MINISTER SEEKS WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS.

New York, Jan. 25.

A message received from Santiago de Chile states that the Minister of Finance has asked the Chilean Congress to enact law suspending all petroleum concessions.

A Chilean Deputation has drafted a Bill providing that the Chilean Government appoint officials to study the best means of making oil available in Chile, in which His Royal Highness is keenly interested.—British Wireless.

KING AND QUEEN ENTERTAIN WARATAHS.

London, Jan. 25.

Their Majesties, the King and Queen received the New South Wales rugby football team, known as the Waratahs, at Sandringham today. The team had lunch and tea with their Majesties.—British Wireless.

A GLOWING TRADE PROPHETIC.

BRITISH BAROMETER SHOWS STEADY RISE.

OPTIMISTIC SPEECH.

London, Jan. 25. A glowing prophecy of improvement in British trading figures was made by Mr. A. M. Samuel, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the course of a speech at the Woking Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Samuel declared that the industrial activity in the Home market was greater than had ever been seen before, while simultaneously the British export industries were meeting with more success against their foreign competitors.

Remarkable Reversal.

He pointed out that the official figures for 1926 showed an average balance of £12,000,000 in British overseas trade, but his calculations had led him to the conclusion that Great Britain would record a favourable balance for 1927 of at least £73,000,000.

The trade barometer has been showing, and is showing, a steady rise, notwithstanding the facts

KIEL ARMS HAUL AGITATION.

REICHSTAG MEMBER NOT SATISFIED.

DR. STRESEMANN'S DEMENTI QUESTIONED.

Berlin, Jan. 25.

The prospectus has been issued for the Anglo-Java Rubber Company, and it details the acquisition of a large group of Malayan properties, foreign-owned. The productive capacity of the new estate is estimated to be £6,000,000, the value of the property is estimated at £2,560,000, and the purchase price is £1,860,000.

Shares, which are being issued at the price of six shillings per share, are 2/- each.

The vendors have the option to subscribe for these shares up to 600,000 before December, 1923, at six shillings, and they hold a similar option for a further 400,000 as part consideration for underwriting the present issue, but the option given to the public who subscribed for the debenture issue is 8/- per share till February 1st, 1925. £1,000,000 seven per cent. Debentures and 3,600,000 ordinary shares of 6/- each are being issued.

It might, he said, be perfectly true that the Navy Department itself had not been directly concerned with the proposed shipment, but the fact remained that officers in the Department had been named.

Dr. Stresemann, in reply, expressed the opinion that the Navy Department's denial of the rumours meant that no individual member of its staff was involved.

Names Published.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt*, the Ministry of Defence contends that the name of the Transport Section has apparently been misused by private firms for business purposes, and has told its representative that the Ministry is supporting police enquiries into the affair to the utmost.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* declares that it is not satisfied with the explanation and respects the names of two officials alleged to be involved. It suggests that proceedings be taken against them.—Reuter.

Categorically Denied.

Replying to a question before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Naval Department had assured the Foreign Office that neither he nor any of its officials had had anything to do with the shipment of arms and ammunition to China.

The Foreign Office, he added, had accepted this as a formal denial of the rumours which had been put into circulation.

The Seizure.

The German newspaper allegations arise out of a huge seizure of arms and ammunition by officials at Kiel on January 10th.

It is understood that the tender was successful on its merits only. There was keen competition from Continental firms, including Belgian and German manufacturers, but the British tender, while not the lowest, was considered to be technically the most favourable.—British Wireless.

The authorities came to the conclusion that the real destination of the consignment was China.

WUHAN FORCES EXPECTED TO ENTER CHANGSHA.

STRONG ATTITUDE AT HAVANA.

Havana, Jan. 25.

Senior Puzyrredon, the Argentine Ambassador to Washington, who is the head of the Argentine delegation to the Pan-American Conference, has announced that the delegation will not sign any Convention for the re-organisation of the Pan-American Union, which does not provide for a study of ways and means of reducing if not abolishing the high tariffs existing in Inter-American commerce.

Mexico has allied herself with the Argentine in the stand taken up with reference to the tariffs.—British Wireless.

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Mr. Horace Lo was for the plaintiff and the defendant conducted his own case.

His Lordship gave a lengthy judgment in which he held that the Court had no jurisdiction. He nonsuited the plaintiff with costs and Mr. Lo intimated that the plaintiff would appeal.

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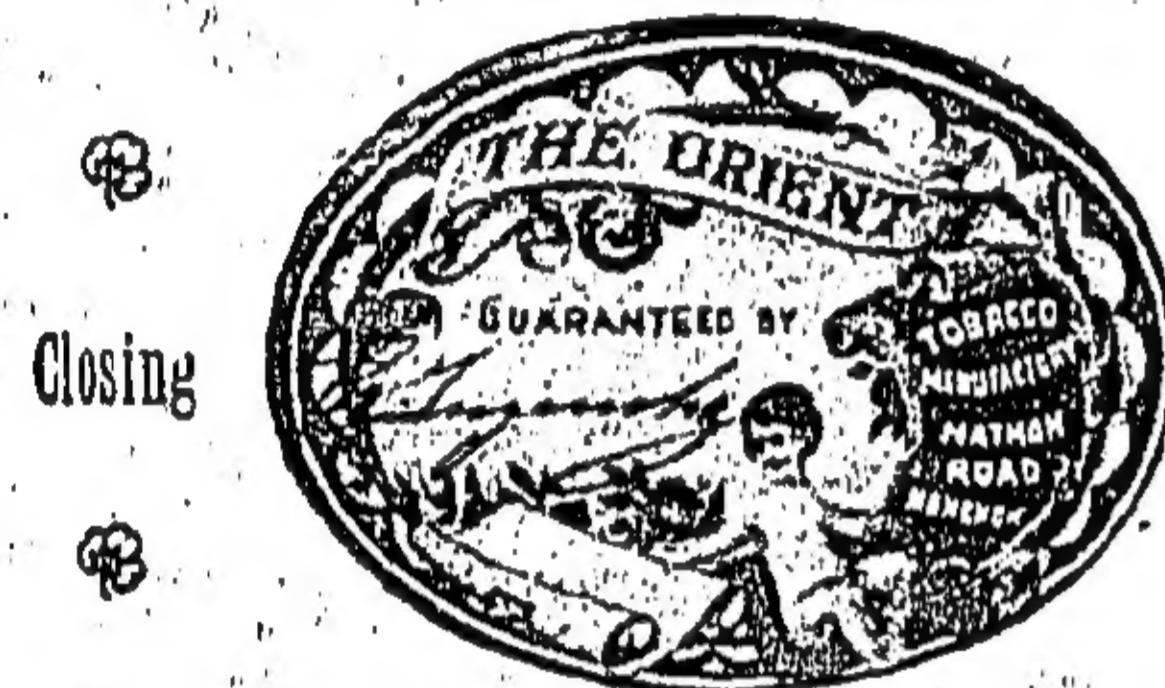
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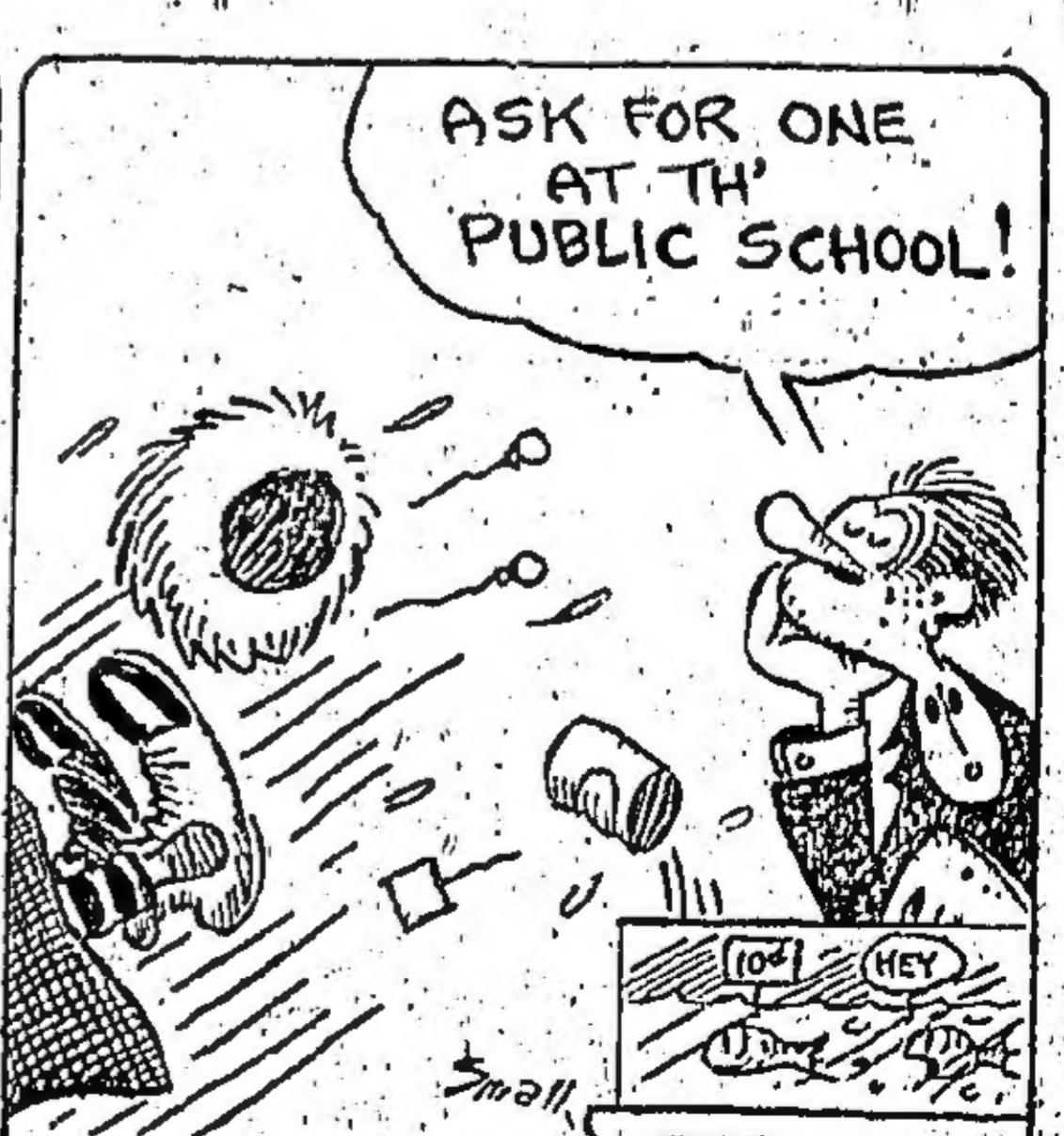
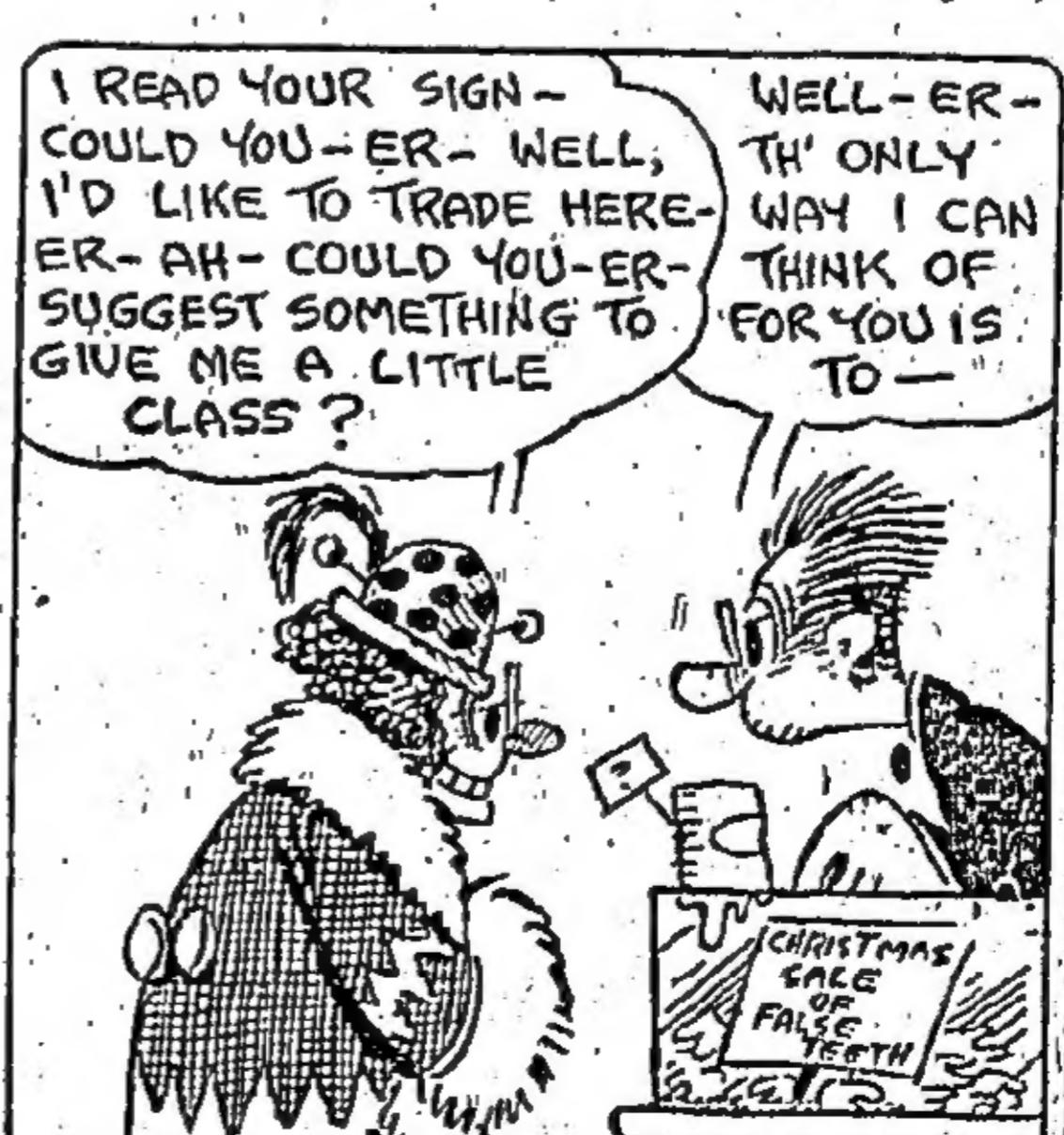
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Dr. Tso's Questions.

Dr. S. W. Tso, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:

(1) In view of the general complaint by tenants of tenement houses against the present method of lime-washing by the Sanitary Department, will the Head of the Sanitary Department state whether a tenant, if he objects to the spraying method of lime-washing by the Department, may be allowed to employ his own contractor to do the work, in the old way, after his landlord has paid to the Government the money for lime-washing by the Department?

(2) Is so, whether the Government is prepared to hand over the money paid by the landlord to the tenant after he has done the lime-washing satisfactorily?

(3) When the spraying method is employed what precaution is taken by the Department to protect the furniture or goods of the tenant from the lime-washing or to prevent the lime-washing from going through the floor to the floor below?

(4) Whether the lime-wash used by the Department contains any ingredient which may be injurious to furniture or goods?

(5) Whether the spraying method now employed by the Department is an improvement on the old method of lime-washing? If so, in what respect?

(6) When lime-washing is done under the supervision of the Department, by its own workmen and with the best of materials, is there any necessity to have the work done more than once? And, if it is found necessary to re-lime-wash the premises, whether it be possible to have it done on the same day as that of the first lime-washing?

(7) In lime-washing a painted ceiling or wall, as not a hundredth part of the lime will stick, will the Head of the Sanitary Department suggest some method of dealing with such cases in the future?

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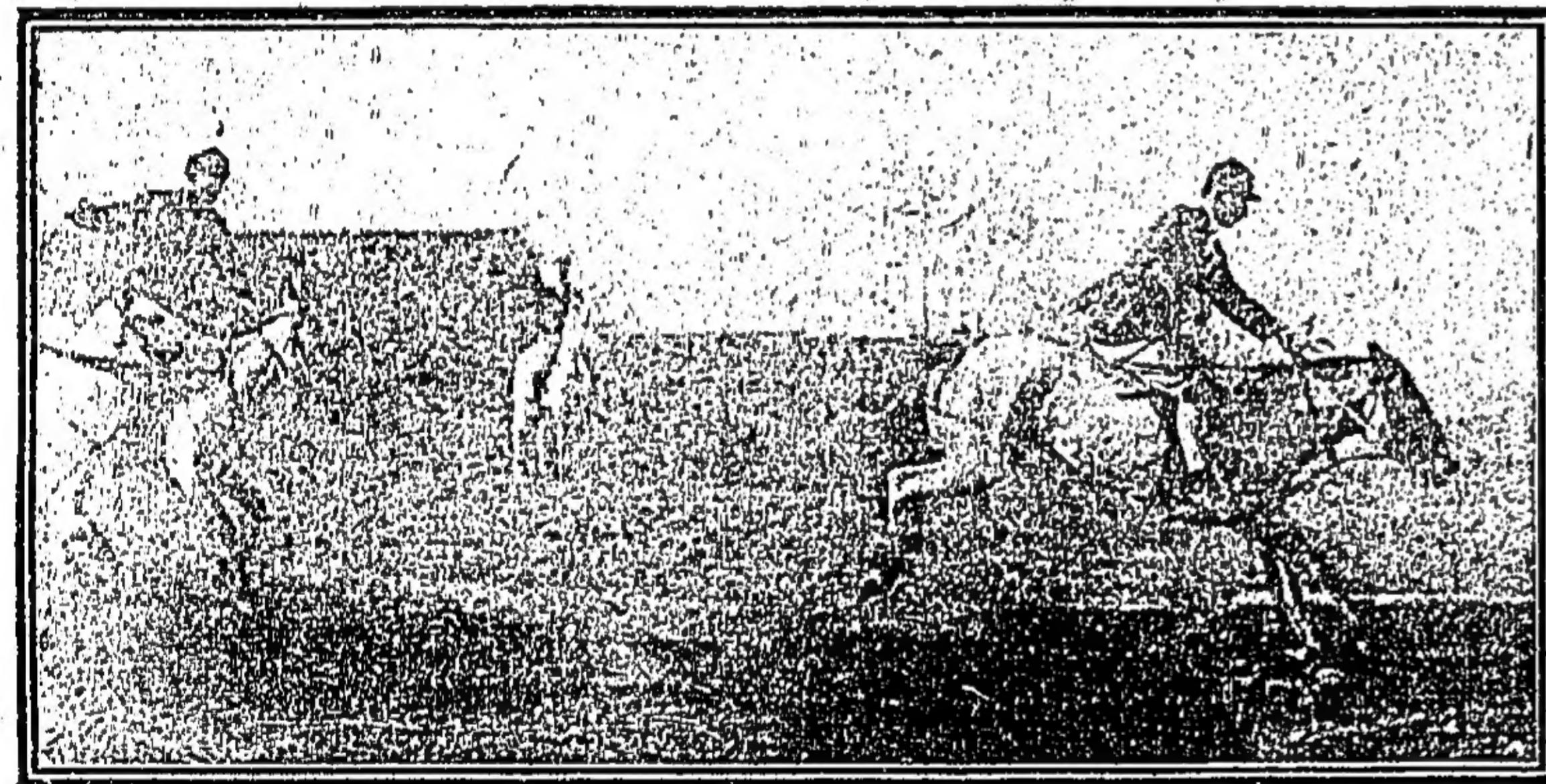
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The scene at the Foreign Y.W.C.A. rooms in Shanghai after all the presents of clothing, food, etc., had been tied up in parcels and the baskets were being filled prior to their distribution among many needy families.



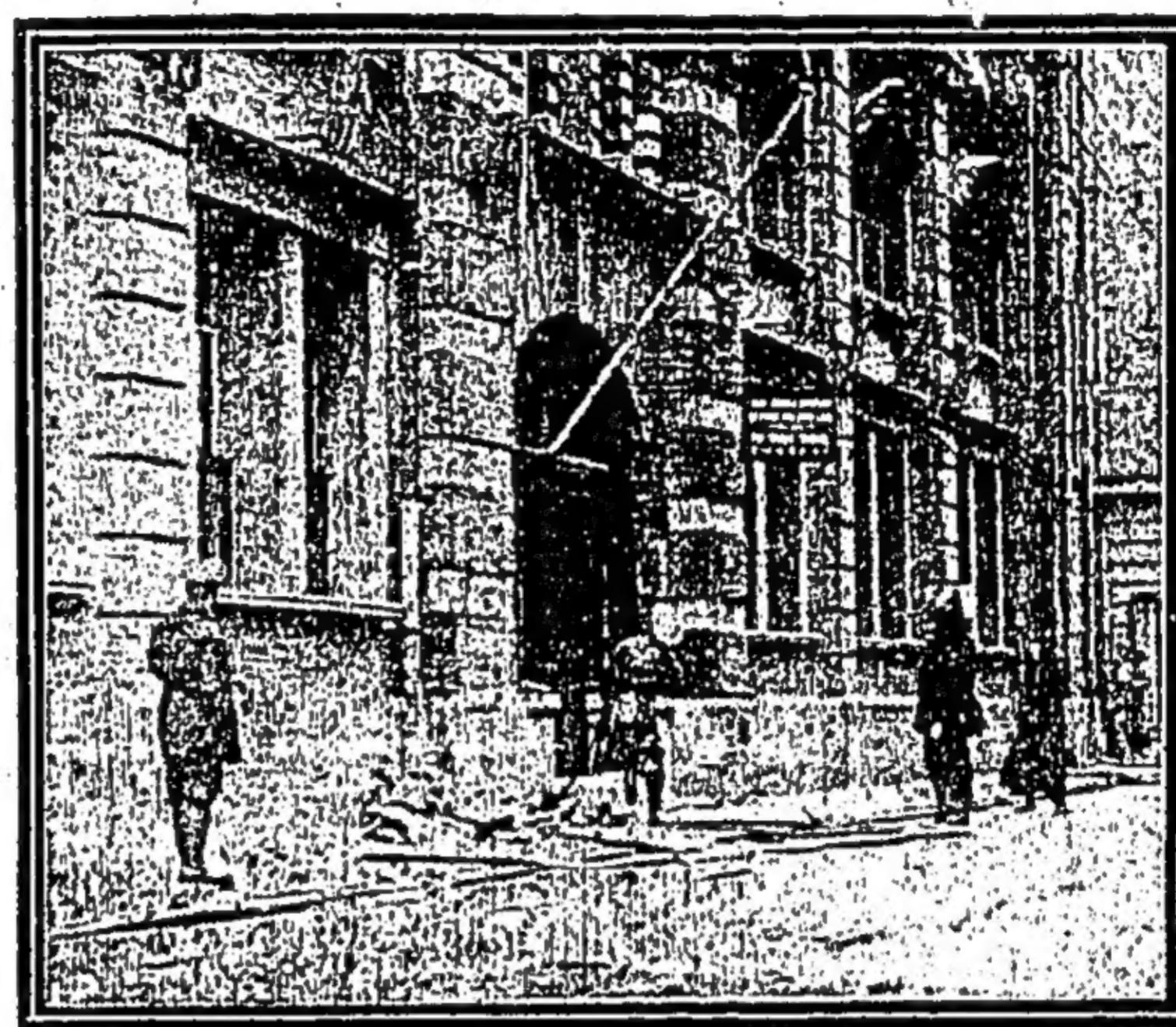
Mr. A Hughes on "Wild Strawberry" taking Baffle Greek Jump during a recent Shanghai paper hunt in the Minghong country. Mr. Hughes finished second.



Bridal group taken at the recent wedding in Shanghai of Mr. Ronald H. Wallace and Miss Anne Clarisse Heffron. Left to right: Mr. V. J. B. Holland, M.C. (best man), Miss Ina Ruth Castle (bridesmaid), the bridegroom, the bride, Mr. C. Reeves and Mrs. Reeves.



Mrs. Margaret Lilliendahl, of May's Landing, N.J. who is on trial charged with the murder of her husband is pictured above with her young son.



View down Hongkong Road Shanghai of the premises which caught fire recently from which seven inmates had a thrilling escape.



Miss Lorna Fowlor, Miss M. Connor and Miss Georgia Mooser, snapped at the eighth paper hunt of the Shanghai season.



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A fim de que esta festa seja revestida de maior brilho possível a Direcção pede a comparecência de todos os Srs. Sócios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

E. J. EDWARDS,
District Grand Master Deputy.
Hongkong, 26th Jan. 1928.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A
SHIP'S NAME.

I. John Hennessey Seth of No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Liquidator of Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) hereby give notice that in consequence of uniformity I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "ARMANESTAN" of Hongkong Official number 113715 of gross tonnage 5,029 tons, register tonnage 3,230 tons, heretofore owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) for the permission to change her name to "ARADESTAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation).

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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(Signed) H. M. H. NEMAAZEE.

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The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Manager together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

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THE FLUSH SYSTEM.

SOME INTERESTING OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Currie) made an interesting statement regarding water-flushed closets.

Referring to an item on the agenda, the Chairman said—

In continuation of my replies to the questions asked by Mr. Braga at the last meeting of the Board I now furnish the Board with a list of all water flushed installations on

the Island. A copy has been laid before each member and given to the Press. So I trust you will not require me to read the actual figures.

It is, I believe, accurate but it has not been possible to give the figures exactly under the headings asked for. Explanatory notes have been added where necessary. No Naval or Military property is included in the list.

May I again stress the point that the mere number of water flushed installations in any one building is no index to the amount of water consumed in that building.

The list follows:

Statistics of Water Flushed Installations in Hongkong (excluding Kowloon).										
	European Type		Chinese Type		Trough	Urinals	Total	Flushed by Government	Flushed by Mains	Flushed by Water Supply
Houses	1,497	235	11	149	1,892	578	(1)	1,314	665	104
Hotels	356	55	4	150	665	—	—	665	665	—
Hospitals (Government and) (Private)	187	20	14	20	241	137	—	—	104	—
Offices	1,024	51	29	210	1,314	10	—	1,304	—	—
Government Buildings (2)	302	74	74	143	593	554	39	—	—	—
Schools (Private)	36	6	6	2	50	23	28	—	—	—
Taikoo Property (3)	52	13	19	9	93	—	93	—	—	—
Totals	3,854	454	157	683	4,748	1,301	—	3,447	—	—

(1) Mainly on the Peak where an independent supply is impossible.
(2) Includes Government Offices, Schools and Quarters and Public Latrines and Urinals.
(3) Entered separately as division into offices, houses, &c., is not fully recorded.

BUSTER KEATON.

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT THE WORLD.

Buster Keaton's capital new comedy, "College," will be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "College" presents Buster as a book scholar and a miff at games. His girl, Mary, nicely played by Anne Cornwall, urges him to athletic prowess. He goes into training. Here is a rich interlude with Buster trying everything he can think of on an Olympic Games' ground. He cuts a sublimely ludicrous figure with every athletic implement, and his calm despair after every failure is extraordinarily amusing. By a cleverly devised sequence, he runs to the rescue of his girl, and on the way accomplishes every feat that has hitherto floored him.

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VEGETABLE EXPORTS.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT SANITARY BOARD.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the following questions were asked by Mr. J. P. Braga and replied to by the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Currie):

(1) Is the Government aware that large quantities of fresh vegetables are regularly exported by steamers out of Hongkong? Yes.

(2) If statistics of such exports are available, will the President obtain the figures in respect of the month of December last and for the first half of the current month?

No statistics are available.

(3) Will the President also state, as his opinion, whether the export in large quantities of fresh vegetables from the Colony tends to restrict supplies for the local markets, and if so whether any inadequacy of supply exists thus operating as a factor in the keeping up of prices of vegetables in Hongkong?

The policy of the Government has always been to maintain Hongkong as a free port. It is

quite likely that if restrictions on export were imposed the vegetables would not pass through Hongkong at all. It is not believed that the export restricts supplies for the local market.

With regard to the Cattle and Swine returns for December Mr. Braga said they made interesting reading and asked if it was necessary to restrict them to the Board. He thought it would be appreciated by the community if they were made public.

The Chairman said he would arrange for copies to be sent to the Press.

When the winning ticket was drawn it had the name of "Stook" upon it and no address. Everybody tried to think of anyone of that name without success, but when the children returned from their tea and heard it the youngest one joyfully exclaimed, "Stook! Oh! how lovely. That's grandmamma's odd man. He will be pleased."

So the Queen's charming present of a lovely water-colour was proudly borne away by the Duchess of Westminster's odd job man.

Midnight Rehearsal.

Rehearsals for the Porcelain Tableaux, which will be seen at the Savoy Theatre to-day, began at midnight.

Some of the prettiest women in society enlivened the dark theatre

In the wainscoted library there is a vast collection of books on the subject of William Penn. Lady Demetriadis' grandmother was born a Springett, into which family the 17th century pioneer married.

Quaker and Shaker.

By the way, Lady Demetriadis has introduced a new cocktail by the shaker's repertory. It is called a "Lone Tree" cocktail, and glistening at the bottom of the glass is a tiny onion instead of a cherry. I don't know what it tastes like, but the presence of this odorous vegetable at least makes for surprise and comment.

obtained in flowers or more stereotyped forms of dress decoration.

The plain black frock which a girl wore at a dance the other night was much admired for the "trail" of life-like tomatoes which stretched along the front of the normal waist line. These were beautifully made from several shades of velvet, the bright red ones alternating with the yellowish-green tints of those which are just ripening. The row of little "balls" ended at the left side of the frock with a loosely hanging spray of the green foliage, and on the shoulder five red and yellow tomatoes were arranged close together to take the place of the usual posy.



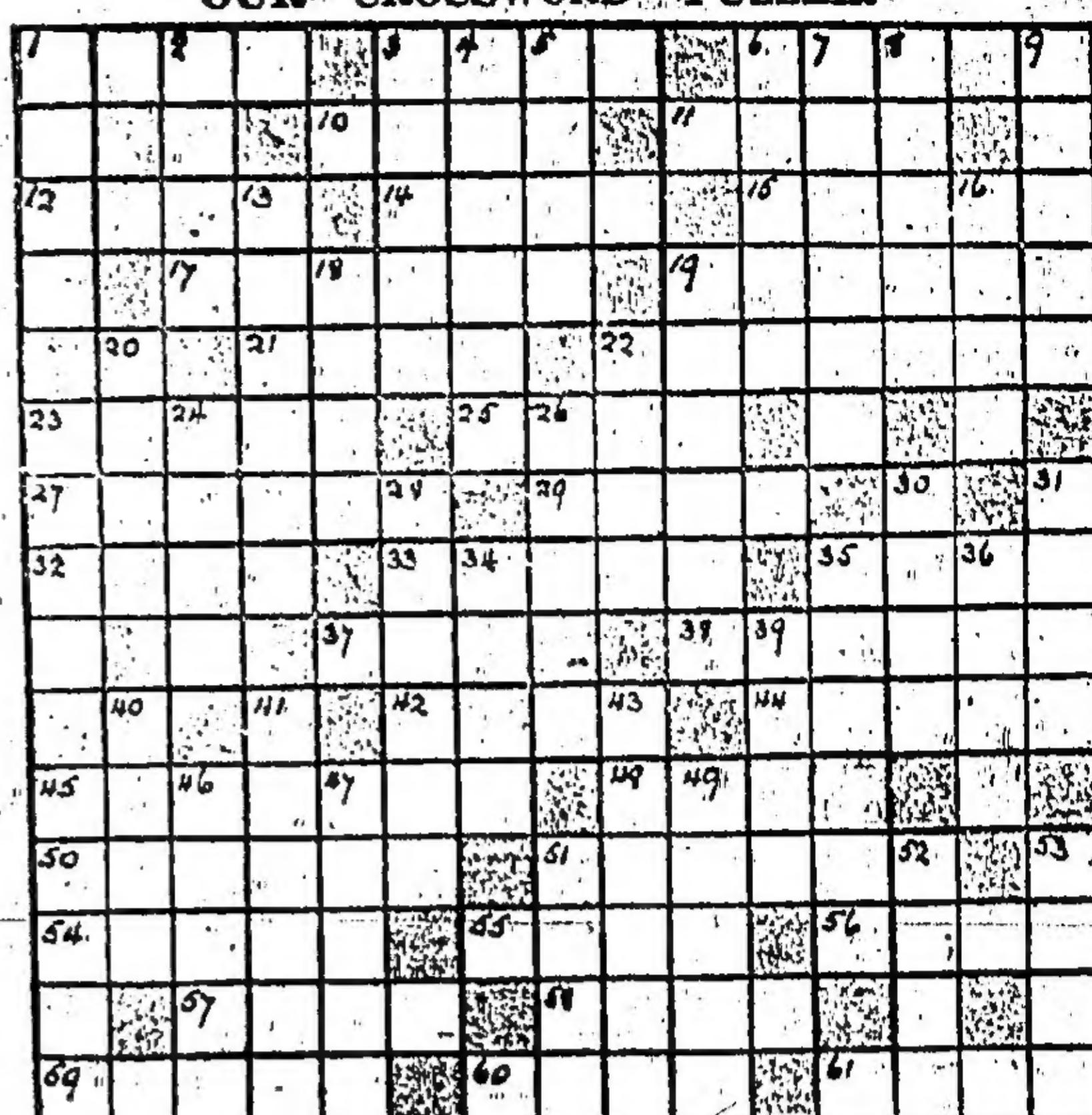
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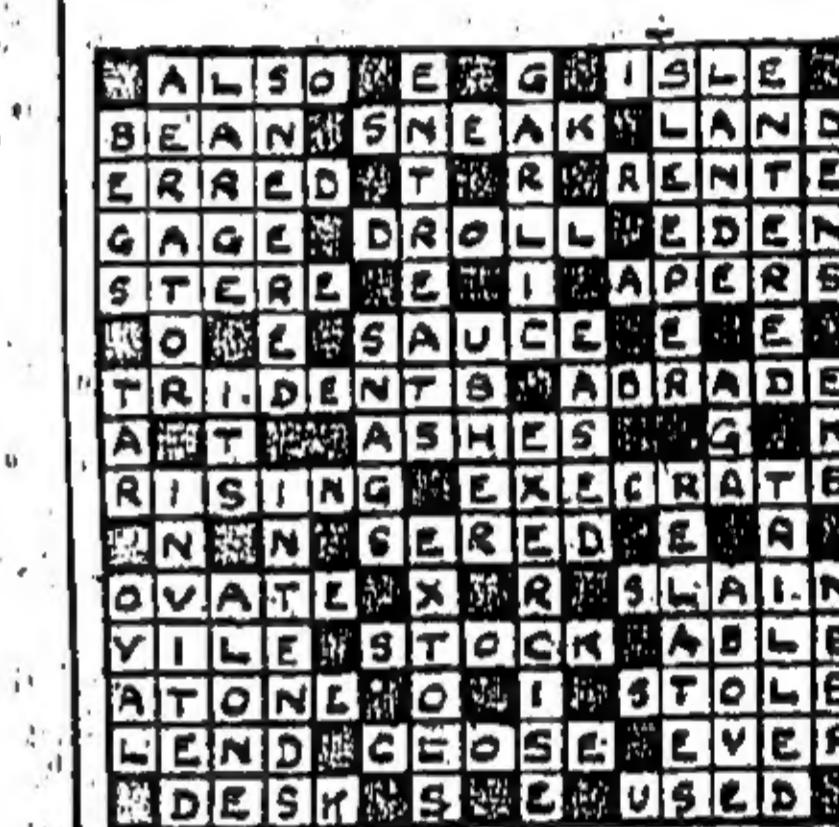
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24 Old gold coin.
26 Oval.
28 Species of corundum.
30 Heavy wooden hammer.
31 Army.
34 Full of roe.
35 Professional vocalist.
36 Joy.
39 Current of air.
40 Kind of cotton gauze.
41 Obedience.
43 One who conducts a team.
45 Something admitted.
46 Languished.
47 Markets.
49 Make suitable.
51 To let.
52 Knot.
53 Buffoon.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



Down.

1 Fetter.
3 Detest.
6 Cleave.
10 Red gem.
11 Prior.
12 Glass of a telescope.
14 Planet.
16 Beret.
17 Fruit used in salads.
19 President.
21 Has the shape of a crescent.
22 Merriness.
23 Measures of area.
25 Kind.
27 Sounds of bells.
29 Turn round.
32 Middle.
33 Member of the shrimp family.
35 Food obtained from palms.
37 Disturbance.
38 Varieties of textile fabrics.
42 Urgent want.
44 Place of ingress.
45 Dethroned.
48 Caused to sound.
50 Inferior being in contradistinction to man.
51 Concealed.
54 Pertaining to tone.
55 Italian exclamation of joy.
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1928.

CRACKER-FIRING.

Whilst we have no sympathy whatever with those "kill-joys" who would like to see all cracker-firing prohibited during the Chinese New Year holidays, we do hold the view that this method of heralding the advent of another year is greatly abused. Every year, the Government issues very definite regulations for the control of cracker-firing, but these are far more honoured in the breach than in the observance. This, despite the fact that the notification states that the police have "strict orders" to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the regulations.

On looking through the notification recently issued, we find that in considerable areas on Hongkong island and in practically the whole of what is known as Kowloon Point, the hours set aside for cracker-firing during the holidays were from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday; and from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. What actually happened in very many parts of these particular districts was that the firing began on Saturday afternoon and continued practically without intermission until Tuesday night, much to the annoyance of residents in general. It is definitely laid down in the regulations that the firing of these crackers must be confined to the times mentioned, but we all know that this order is deliberately ignored. It therefore seems to us that the authorities should take one of two steps—either amend the regulations as to hours and districts, if they are found to be impracticable, or else rigidly enforce the conditions laid down. The wholesale ignoring of official regulations ought not to be permitted.

There is another respect in which the need for strict enforcement of the regulations is called for. We refer to the custom of throwing crackers and other

fireworks from verandas or pavements into the streets. Here again it is specifically laid down in the regulations that "no burning crackers or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material." Yet, in dealing yesterday with a number of cases in which Chinese were charged with throwing fireworks into the street, Mr. R. E. Lindsell is reported to have said that he was not at all in sympathy with such prosecutions. Thereby, he gave the impression that he regarded all cracker-firing with tolerance—an impression which he may not, however, have intended to convey.

It is obvious that a Magistrate's business is to back up authority in such matters, and not to weaken its hands. In his references to the danger to which motor-drivers are subjected by the throwing of crackers or other fireworks into the street, Mr. Lindsell displayed the wrong attitude. He said drivers would naturally take precautions to have the hoods and windscreens of their cars up when passing through Chinese districts during New Year holidays, and that he himself had driven through Wan-chai several times and experienced no trouble. Apart from the phenomenal good luck which he must have encountered,—for many times during the New Year we ourselves saw fireworks deliberately thrown at people in motor-cars and rickshas—Mr. Lindsell must surely realise that fireworks exploding near motor-drivers, whether wilfully directed at them or not, are most decidedly liable to cause serious mishaps.

Moreover, it betrays a totally wrong conception of the position to contend that a motorist should go to elaborate pains to protect himself from danger of this character.

The Trouble In Samoa.

The recent events in Samoa, though of grave concern to the New Zealand Government, which holds a Mandate from the League of Nations, would be of relatively little importance to the world at large but for its favourable reflection on British policy towards dependencies. Those who preach of British Imperialism have yet a few more concrete facts to overcome, if they can, and it may be stated with safety that little serious attention will be paid to the demand of Mr. Holland, the N.Z. Opposition leader, for the recall of Sir George Richardson, the Administrator.

Even those who have discovered no incentive to follow developments since October, 1926, when the agitation first assumed a serious phase, need very little to elucidate the statement of Mr. Coates, the Premier, that New Zealand will not tolerate interference with the authority of Sir George Richardson, preferring the interests of the large number of natives to the interests of a handful of Europeans. It speaks for itself. The deportation of Europeans was a drastic step, and one which was adopted only when all other means had failed. It has been the aim of Sir George Richardson, since he took over the Administration in 1923, to obtain for the natives a better price for their copra, and he has enforced a general prohibition of alcoholic liquor in the native interests. The European community of traders—copra forms ninety per cent of the Samoan export trade—objected strongly to both aspects of this policy, and led by a Mr. O. F. Nelson, since deported for five years, a man of Swedish-Samoan parentage, controlling one of the leading commercial concerns in the islands, invited the natives to attend a meeting. The natives were told of their so-called grievances but this fell flat with the more responsible Samoans. Amongst every community, however, there is to be found fertile ground for agitation, and the unrest has developed to such an extent that, as Mr. Coates said, the prosperity of Samoa has been prejudiced for some to come; though the root of the evil has been eradicated by the deportations.

The British feel a great responsibility towards the Samoans, and have displayed this in no uncertain manner.

A fancy dress carnival dance, organised by St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, was held last night at Lane, Crawford Restaurant and attracted a large number of members of the Club and their friends. Music was supplied by the Titania Melodians, and prizes were given for the best and most original fancy dresses.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT TO THE STATE THAT WE OWN THE MULTITUDINOUS USEFUL INVENTIONS FROM THE SPADE TO THE TELEPHONE.—Herbert Spencer.

The B. I. s.s. Talamba, from Singapore, is due here on Saturday morning.

The Interport golf dinner is to be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Monday night.

The s.s. Confucius came out of Kowloon dock this morning after rest and berthed at a harbour buoy.

At the Star Theatre to-morrow night, at 9.15, a concert will be given by the pupils of the Academie de Liceo Central of Macao.

The s.s. Yuet On, on sailing for Canton last evening, experienced engine trouble shortly after leaving the wharf and had to call for tugs to assist in reboating.

The Kong Ning sailing this evening for Wuchow, is taking up a cargo of coal for s.s. Tai Hing, which vessel is still being hard aground below Dosing and running short of fuel.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Blue Funnel s.s. Antenor for Home yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin, Capt. R. T. Stephens, Mrs. and Miss Lawless, Mr. D. S. Wyllie and Capt. and Mrs. D. G. Young.

A Chinese employed as a fitter on the Tjillobot, which is undergoing reconstruction at Taikoo, fell into the ship's hold yesterday and suffered injuries to his head, and side which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A programme of modern French music is to be given at the Helena May Institute this evening. Those taking part are Mrs. Hargreaves Brown, Mrs. R. Sanger, Professor E. Gould, Mr. L. Hopkins, Mr. John Braga and Mr. Li Chor-chi.

The body of a Chinese mendicant has been removed to the Public Mortuary from a matshed on the Pray East Reclamation, opposite to Lee Tung Street Wan-chai. The body was found hanging by the neck from a rope suspended on the top of the matshed. The police believe it to be a case of suicide.

This morning's Harbour Office reports give 13 arrivals and the same number of departures, leaving 37 vessels in harbour, British 24. Tonnage was comparatively good, with low freights, there being only five through registries of which three were British. The heaviest cargoes of the day were split between four nationalities, with British the best.

The Troubles In Samoa.

Medical journalism loses prominent figure in the retirement, of Sir Dawson Williams, who for nearly thirty years has been editor of the "British Medical Journal."

For seventeen years before his appointment as editor he had been connected with the editorial department of that journal.

The Council have appointed Dr. N. G. Horner, who has been assistant editor for the past eleven years, to succeed him.

Dawson Williams set a high standard of brilliant and devoted service, and the "Journal" has been far from "editing" itself under his rule. He has been a power behind many thrones, on which others have sat and achieved success.

His first love was scientific medicine, and he was a man of achievement when he relinquished active research work to devote his whole time to the "Journal" and to the British Medical Association. During his editorship the Council have had many anxious decisions to take, and his advice has always been sought and usually accepted.

AFGHAN ROYALTY IN PARIS.

KING AMANULLA AND QUEEN TO BE FETED.

Paris, Jan. 25.—King Amanulla of Afghanistan and his Queen, who arrived at Paris to-day, were solemnly received by President Doumergue, supported by many Cabinet Ministers and authorities.

Crowds lined the streets of Paris, and the Royal visitors were warmly cheered.

A series of brilliant ceremonies have been arranged to take place in Paris for the entertainment of the King and Queen.

Parisian papers, eulogising Franco-Afghanistan friendship, recall in detail the remarkable achievements of King Amanulla during his reign.—Haves.

BANVARD COMPANY COMING.

MUSICAL COMEDY TREATS FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. W. R. Banvard, the proprietor of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which opens a short season in the Theatre Royal, Hongkong, on February 6th, is not unknown in the Far East. There are no doubt still many in Hongkong who remember the shows brought out by him in 1919 and 1921, which, for completeness in detail and production, were counted amongst the very best we have seen here. This enterprising impresario, to judge by Press notices in India, Burmah and the Straits Settlements, has now evidently gone one better, and, in conjunction with Mr. Ley Marks, his General Manager, has put together a company which in point of numbers, expense of mounting and repertoire, seems to have entirely eclipsed all previous efforts.

Those who know "Wally" Banvard, as he is more familiarly known in theatrical and sporting circles, know that he does not compromise with perfection, if such a state is possible, when he sets out to do anything. He was practically born in the theatrical business, and, being gifted with more than a usual allowance of horse-sense, a knowledge of what's wanted and a keen head for figures, it is no wonder that we find him at a comparatively early age in life one of the leading impresarios in the East. His shows have been acclaimed by the Press as "the best musical comedy company that has ever visited the East."

When one glances through the repertoire, which includes "Katja the Dancer," "Mercenary Mary," "Queen High," "Whirled Into Happiness," and "Mr. What's His Name," shows that have all had a phenomenal run in London, it is not surprising that such eulogy should be forthcoming from the Press. Revue has not been neglected, and in this sphere much has been written of "The Review of Revues."

The artistes are mostly from Daly's, the Gaiety, the Hippodrome and the Palace Theatre, London, and some of the girls have been recruited from the ranks of "Rose Marie" and No. No. Nanette."

The Company should prove very popular here in Hongkong, judging from the big receptions it has been accorded elsewhere. The prices for seats will be \$5, \$8 and \$1, and we are assured by the management that a show of such high merit could not possibly be staged on a paying basis at lower figures.

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Magistrate at Willesden: Your husband is the defendant. Where is he? Woman: I don't know sir; he died some years ago.

Solicitor, at Bow County Court: My client objects to paying 5s. for extra nourishment for a cut foot.

Stratford man of a woman: There is nothing abnormal about her language—for the district.

Willesden woman: He said that when he had finished with my husband I should never recognise him again.

Irishman at Old-street: If you me I will pay half now and half next Friday. Magistrate: Five shillings, all to be paid now.

West Ham magistrate to a thief: You will go to gaol for six months with hard labour. Thief: That will tide me over the winter. I must study how to do the next trick without being caught.

A man said at Clerkenwell County Court that he signed an agreement without reading it. Mr. Registrar Friend: Thank heaven there are people like you knocking about. You help me to get my living.

"With a single stroke of a camel's hair brush," said the school teacher taking his class round the National Gallery, "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one."

"So can mother," said a small boy, "with the back of a hair brush."

A Scotsman who was summoned to appear at Wood Green Police Court for a motoring offence wrote that he had enclosed a £1 note. Court officials searched in the envelope, but no note could be found.

Magistrate: These Scotsmen are always careful. We are fining him £1s. He must be disappointed, though, for we are not sending him 9s. change.

It was suggested that a reply should be sent to the Scotsman that the change was enclosed—if he could find it.

A wedding which was to have taken place at Minehead Parish Church recently was abandoned half-way through the service in remarkable circumstances.

The bride was Miss Maggie Atkins, of West-street, Minehead, and the bridegroom, Mr. Alexander Cummings, a soldier, of Tideworth, Salisbury Plain.

Seventy people were present in the church with the relatives of the bride. The service went smoothly until the bridegroom had to say the usual responses. He managed to repeat accurately the few sentences following, "I, Alexander, take thee, Maggie, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, love and to cherish till death do us part."

The following day an Indian watchman employed by the Company found the defendant at his house. On the defendant was found the account showing that he had collected £45.55.

When asked by his Worship what he did with the money, the defendant said he had lost it in gambling.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour without the option of a fine was imposed.

Later in the evening Cummings apologised to the vicar for his conduct. The vicar has informed the Bishop of Bath and Wells of the incident.

Miss Atkins said that Cummings had been abroad a great deal, he had a touch of malaria, a severe cold, and was nervous. She added that they did not know whether they were going to be married. It had not been settled yet.

Denton—"I'm tired of eating in restaurants."

Fenton—"Why don't you get married?"

Denton—"I am."

If a woman takes up the office of Magistrate she should carry it out.—Miss L. M. Kingswell Jones, J.P.

We Colonials love London because she is kindly and homely,

and has a dignity of her own not surpassed in all the world.—Sir James Parr.

Modern motor fire engines have taken much of the glamour out of the London fire.—Freeman J. A. Corrigan (last of the horse fire engine drivers of London Brigade).

British Wireless.

KIUKIANG AFTER A YEAR.

GENERAL DETERIORATION OF THE PORT.

AIR OF NEGLECT.

Writing under date of the 11th Inst., the Klukiang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* says:

Just about a year ago Klukiang was evacuated, and we were amongst the last of the little party to leave the port. What exciting days they were too; with the boycott of Britalans, the difficulty of getting supplies, the threats of the mob, and the untiring patience of the naval authorities, until there came the final rush of mob and soldiers taking possession, looting the houses, and forcing the evacuation—never to be forgotten days. Then the over-crowded steamer, instead of the normal 30 or 40. So to Shanghai and "safety."

Now we are back again.

Changes During the Year.

What changes has the year brought to Klukiang? Outwardly there is little change, except that the port shows a general deterioration, as regards the upkeep of the streets, and there is an air of neglect about the place.

There seem to be a number of police about the streets, but thieves abound, and one has to keep all doors locked.

One cannot fail to notice in getting about, that the people are far more respectful than they were last year in the days preceding the evacuation. Numbers of them have had a pretty hard year, especially those who depended on the Kuling season to make money; there was certainly "nothing doing" for them.

Prices of all commodities, except rice are very high, and trade is very bad. And this is not to be wondered at, for duty, taxes and dues on all goods coming into the port are exorbitant. One has had to pay 40 per cent. of the value of groceries, in getting them imported from Shanghai, and transported to Nanchang. Besides this, coolie hire is at least five times higher than it was.

Conditions in the Province.

Passports have been granted for some of the male missionaries to return to the interior, and the China Inland Mission is planning to have their vacant stations visited.

Workers of the German Alliance Mission have remained at their posts all the time, and report the situation quiet; they go about the country without molestation, and are generally welcomed by the people. In some parts of the province however, brigands abound.

COMPENSATION IN WAR.

LESSONS FROM DEFENCE OF THE REALM ACTS.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed a Committee to inquire into the working of the Defence of the Realm Acts, and Regulations in the late War with a view to advising to what extent and on what principles compensation should be paid for property or business requisitioned, controlled, or otherwise interfered with in time of national emergency, both at home and abroad; what powers should be conferred on the Executive in order to give effect to these principles; and what instructions, if any, should be drawn up for the practical guidance of officers employed under these powers.

The Committee is constituted as follows: Sir W. F. Kylin Taylor, K. C. (Chairman), Sir Vincent Buddeley, Sir T. Barnes, Mr. H. G. Bushe, Mr. D. due B. Davidson, Sir Howard Frank, Mrs. H. G. Coligher, Mr. B. A. Grieve, Mr. M. L. Gwyer, Mr. B. E. Hollyway, Mr. W. Leitch, Sir Henry Payne, Mr. A. Andrews Uthwatt, Lieutenant-Colonel E. B. Holt Wilson, with Mr. J. R. Chambers, of the Treasury, as Secretary.

New York, Dec. 23.—The statement made in the House of Commons with regard to the losses incurred by the British Post Office in the Transatlantic telephone service was read with much interest here. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has also found this service not a paying proposition, but has announced that the service will be continued in spite of the fact that the loss incurred by it is relatively larger than that sustained by the G.P.O.

WHAMPOA CADETS WELCOMED.

AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN DISPLAY.

NEW BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Pachmann's Return—The Latest Columbia Records—Local Music.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

Hangchow, Jan. 18. A great civic welcome given to the large number of students of the Whampoa Academy, has been the chief topic of interest in Hangchow during the past week. The theatre in the Tartar City was requisitioned, and the main gateway was suitably adorned and gaily decorated for the purpose. The whole environment hummed with jubilant excitement and the promoters spared no pains in making these gala days an historic occasion.

The town was bedecked with ornate posters setting forth the old time slogans, but presented them in a new dress. One picture represent the revolution: an army in the full tilt of a charge beating down the enemies of the people's cause. The first charge is depicted as being successful in destroying the Christian Church for, at the bottom of the gulf of blood and fire, the Holy Scriptures and the Cross have been tumbled about in ignominy and shame. The militarists and the Communists have also had their fall. It is striking to notice that the last enemy to receive the bayonet thrust is "The rotten and corrupt faction," presumably within the Party.

A Call to Patriots.

By way of New Year greeting, the students literally deluged the city with handbills bearing a very important message for the hour. The text of these reveals the fact that there are leaders who are fully awake to the dangers which threaten the ultimate issue of this "national" movement. Golden conduct and worthy deeds cannot be produced from leaden intellects and unworthy motives, and here we have a clarion call to the "Faithful leaders of the Party; Arise in a body and act!"

Foreign Goods and Devils.

In the commercial world there can be no doubt that of late trade has languished, and dealers are breathing a heavy sigh. The populace are being continually stirred up about their lack of true love for their country because of giving preference in their shopping to goods which come from abroad. A steady propaganda is carried on to educate the people and urge them to patronize home products. "Everyone under 'The blue heaven and white sun flag' should smoke," but see that the cigarettes are native made," reads one poster. A skeleton entering the house figures one trade poster, which announces—"To take pleasure in foreign goods is just like allowing devils to enter your home." "Using goods from abroad can only be likened to 'taking opium,'" and another poster, which bears a serial number 638, exhorts the buyers not to tolerate the heavily laden ships with foreign commerce: hurry up, and get your own ships filled with the products of the land for export.

A gathering of pastors and church leaders was convened at the chapel connected with the China Inland Mission Bible School, last week. It was an all-day session, and plans were formulated for the carrying out of special evangelistic meetings to be held, during the early days of the new year, in all the churches of the city. Pastor and Mrs. Liu entertained the company to dinner, after which a profitable time was spent in Bible studies from the book of the Revelation.

Eight Communists Shot.

A slight fall of snow caused a pleasant diversity to the general daily gossip, but the news of no less than eight men being shot for Communist tendencies, made one aware of sinister dangers not far below the surface.

TWO ROBBERIES REPORTED.

INTRUDERS WHO POSED AS DETECTIVES.

According to a police report, an armed robbery has been carried out by seven men, two armed with revolvers, at an unnumbered mansion at Sheung Wai Cheung village, Chiu Wan district. The victim was a farmer, who was bound and gagged by the robbers. The latter left after staying a few minutes, with money, jewellery and clothing valued at \$25.

Another report from Kowloon City gives details of a robbery at an unnumbered hut occupied by a tea-house keeper and his family, where four men, by posing as detectives, gained admittance to the mansion, and, after overpowering the occupants, decamped with money and clothing to the value of \$25.

SOME SHANGHAI TOPICS.

AUTHORITIES ON THE ALERT.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN SYMONS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 21. There has latterly been a series of New Year celebrations three, in as many weeks, to be precise. First of all, there was the dawn of 1928, which the world in general welcomed on January 1. Then the Russians had their own New Year on January 13, which, incidentally, happened to be on Friday—Black Friday, as our American friends would call it—and now, in accordance with the immemorial traditions of "ole" customs, the Chinese are preparing to usher in their Lunar New Year as their fathers have done before them for countless ages.

A curious manifestation that has perplexed this city on the eve of these successive New Years is the tenacious persistence with which reports have been circulated of impending catastrophe just as the populace were preparing to go into holiday garb and feast and make merry. Thus on Christmas Eve there were vague reports of an ominous nature relative to a projected Communist uprising, and with the advent of the Chinese New Year, similar reports have been revived that a "Red" revolt is planned.

Whether the dissemination of these canards is the work of "killjoys" who delight in throwing cold water on ebullient spirits is not known to the writer, but the mere fact that such reports have gained currency has resulted in a decision both by the foreign and Chinese authorities to leave nothing to chance, and the requisite safeguards have been adopted against all contingencies.

In Chinese territory, martial law is being rigidly enforced and a state of curfew is maintained

shortly after 10 p.m.

A significant feature of the precautions taken this year is the issuance of an edict forbidding the firing of crackers to boom a welcome to the New Year because cases have occurred in which outbreaks have found fire-crackers useful in drowning the sounds of pistol shots.

The Passing of Dean Symons.

Words are sometimes too cold adequately to register the sense of loss felt by a community when some particularly loved figure is taken away by the Grim Reaper. That sense of loss now pervades this cosmopolitan community following the sudden death, from pneumonia, of Dean C. J. Symons, of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Shanghai is the poorer by the passing of Dean Symons, for not only was this truly good man a great Christian, but he was, essentially, a most Christ-like man, in every sense of that term.

He was in harness till the last, and it was characteristic of his indomitable nature and conscientious devotion to duty that his death was due to his having officiated at a funeral in the bitterly cold weather which prevailed recently whereby he contracted a chill which developed into pneumonia.

Few men had interests of such a varied nature. The Missions to Seamen felt the highly beneficial influence of his guiding hand; in educational and philanthropic work he revealed enthusiasm and tireless energy; and in local Masonic circles he stood high, both as a lodge worker and as an after-dinner speaker of rare charm and quality. He was probably one of the hardest worked, and hardest working men in Shanghai, with a multiplicity of duties and self-imposed obligations to his fellow-men and women, that few others than those immediately surrounding him could ever really know.

The late Dean himself was very fond of saying in after-dinner speeches that he was quite perplexed in trying to discover whether he was a busy dean or a dizzy bean, and this phrase, of his own coining, somehow stuck to him. On one occasion he narrated that in the course of a marriage ceremony at which he officiated he was addressed as "dear Dean," but could not say whether it was meant as a term of endearment or a polite hint about the costliness of his fee, which had just then been raised.

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QUIET CONDITIONS AT LIMCHOW.

RECENT TROUBLE NOW PASSED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Limchow, Jan. 20. Politically, matters are very quiet in the Lim Pak district at present. About three weeks ago, there was considerable disturbance in the Cheung Lok neighbourhood, as one section of Lau Chi-wah's troops were very aggressive. Schools were closed and many people fled from their homes, but even there matters have now settled down and buying and selling and preparing for the Chinese New Year are in full swing from Pakhoi to the West River.

Weddings have been very frequent of late, and the heavy red bridal chair, with its accompanying train of cotton-wool quilts, house plenishings, roast pig and live ducks, obstructs the narrow streets at every turn.

A constant stream of peasant folk enters the city from country districts, bringing in poultry, wood, fruit, vegetables, homemade baskets and other ware for sale, and returning later laden with goods purchased from the well-supplied shops and stores.

After centuries of fear of "devils" entering from the north, the Limchow authorities have opened a city gate on the north side of the wall, which is a great convenience to many people.

Approaching Limchow from the Pakhoi side, one notices extensive repairs to the C. M. S. S. Barnabas Church in progress. Through the ravages of white rats, the roof collapsed more than two years ago, and owing to boycott restrictions the steel girders made in Hongkong were lying at the Tai Po godown until a few months ago. It is expected that the contract for rebuilding will be completed next month.

BANVARDS COMING.



Above is Mr. W. R. Banvard, proprietor of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which is to open a season in Hongkong on February 6th.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAYS QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What London church has a tower surmounted by a grotesque statue?

2. What lost language was once spoken all over the British Isles?

3. What is buckram and fustian?

4. What is officially declared to be the annual damage done to British foodstuffs by mice?

5. What are "cookers," which are now "in season"?

6. What workers on the Underground are tailors, tapers, and scurifiers?

7. What is the origin of the fo'c'stles on board ship?

8. What domestic animal, other than the rabbit, supplies nearly 60,000 skins per annum for conversion into fur?

9. What London church has been likened to a dining-table turned upside down?

10. What famous writer was born over a draper's shop in Poultry court, Lombard street?

11. For how long will England have to pay America \$25,000,000 a year to liquidate our war debt?

12. What is the present estimated population of the British Empire?

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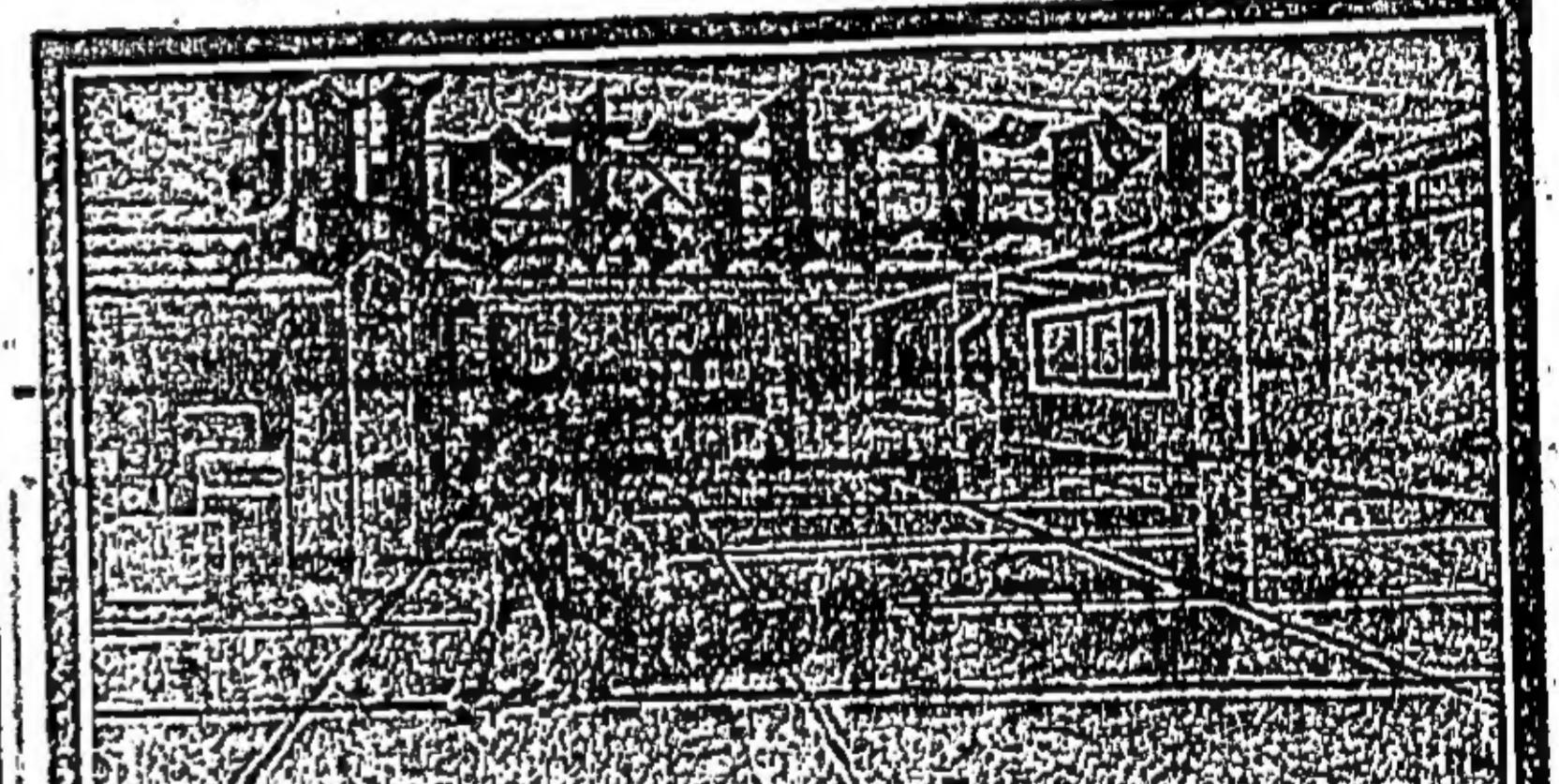
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able to hear Verdi, Gounod, Suppe, Mascagni and such composers. The programme was not of a heavy order and therefore made its appeal to a larger musical public. The soloists were Mrs. Bowes-Smith (soprano) and Mrs. Balcan (violin).

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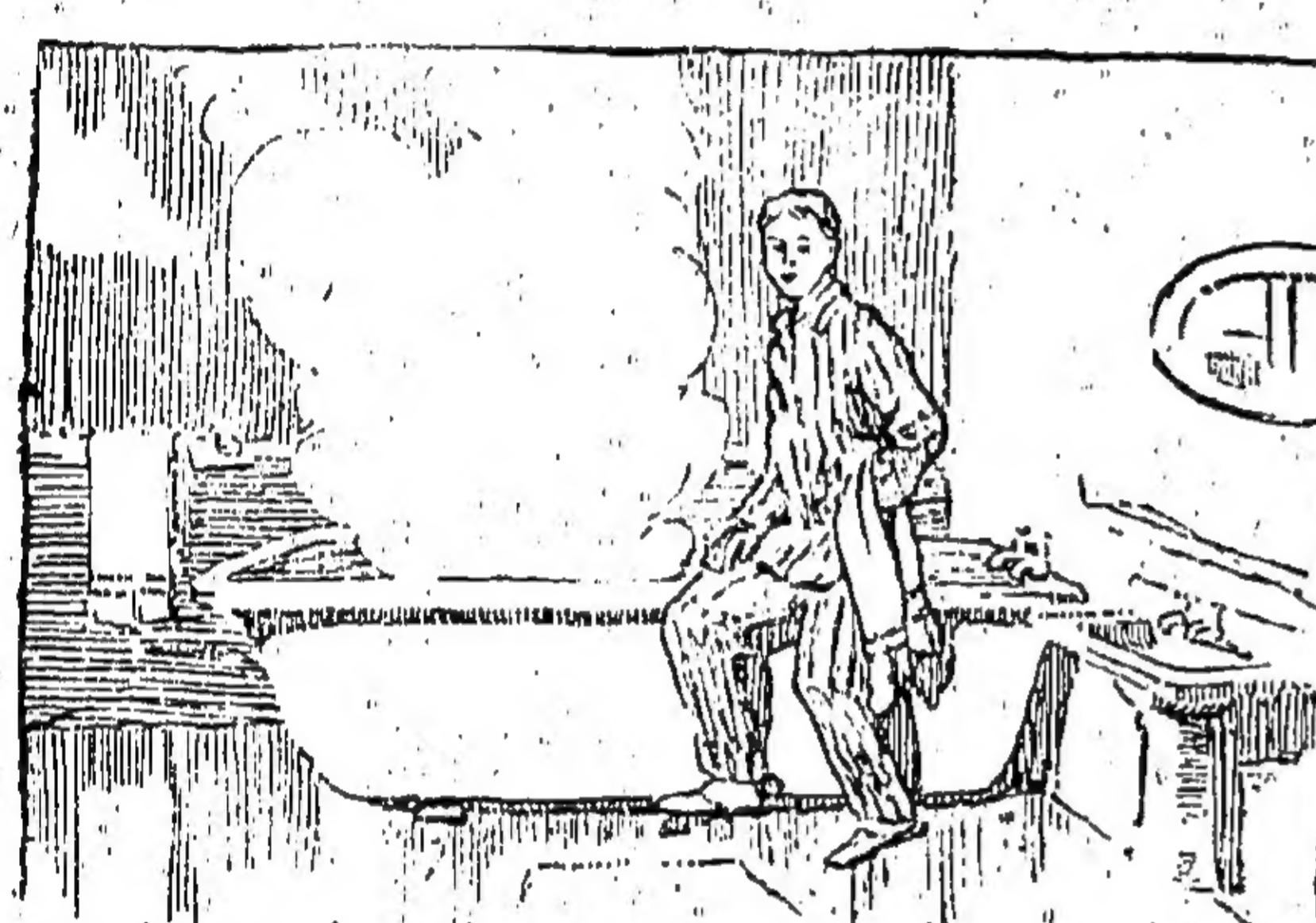
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ALL OTHERS

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Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,868	90.3
Magazine	9,059	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THIRD TEST MATCH DRAWN.

FINE SCORE BY SOUTH AFRICANS.

CONSISTENT BATTING.

London, Jan. 25.—England having won the first two, the Third Test Match at Durban was left drawn to tie. South Africa put up a fine exhibition in their second innings, declaring after obtaining a lead of 280, and giving England time to make 132 for the loss of two wickets.

The scores were:
South Africa: 246 and 461 (for 8 wickets dect.)
England: 430 and 132 (for two wickets).

Play was stopped by bad light. The Fourth Test begins at Johannesburg on Saturday.—British Wireless.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Durban, Jan. 25.—The third Test match was resumed in sunny weather on a fairly fast wicket before a moderate attendance, and by the lunch interval, South Africa had carried their score from 279 for four wickets to 381 for the loss of two additional wickets. Nicolson and Morkel were the men dismissed, the former after contributing 78 and the latter 42.

In the afternoon, South Africa reached the total of 461 runs for eight, and declared. Deane (73), and Nupen (69) were the most valuable batsmen.

England scored 39 for one wicket before the tea interval arrived and afterwards increased the total to 132 for two wickets, and the match was drawn. Tyldesley had 62 runs (not out) to his credit while Holmes scored 56.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS OF CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

There was a large crowd out at Fanling during the China New Year holidays, and satisfactory entries in all the competitions.

There were less than 101 entries in the bogey pool, which was won by P.P.J. Woelhouse (18) with a card of 6 up, F. A. Merry (16) being second with four up. Other scores were: H. F. Bloxham (5) and D. Forbes (14), 2 up; I. H. Gore, E. C. Frederick, A. E. Wood, F. S. Harrison, A. Piercy, F. A. Perry and F. Taylor, all square.

MEDAL ROUND.

In the Medal round there were 36 entries. The winner was E. C. Frederick, 85—50 and the second P. Cowdell, 85—47. Other scores were: F. A. Perry 90—17—73, W. L. Dunbar 81—8—73, G. Murray 81—7—74.

Mixed Bogey.

Sixteen pairs competed in the Mixed Bogey, won by Mrs. Dowdell and F. A. Redmond, three down. Mrs. Bridger and A. K. Henderson returned a card 4 down, and Mrs. Gore and Colonel Matthews 5 down.

BEST BALL SCORE.

Twenty pairs entered for the best ball score. There was a tie for first place between G. Davidson and Lt.-Comdr. Brown W. D. Brown 78—13—65 and T. S. Whyte Smith and D. J. Gilmore 76—11—65. Other scores were: A. Leach and W. L. Dunbar 75—9—66 and H. G. Hegarty and F. S. Harrison 77—10—67.

RUGBY INTERPORT.

UNITED SERVICES DEFEAT HONGKONG.

Shanghai, Jan. 25.—In the Rugby Interport the United Services beat Hongkong by 35 points to 8. Hongkong played mostly on the defensive. The victors were the heavier team.—Reuter.

SHARKEY V. RISKO.

MATCH TO DECIDE TUNNEY'S CHALLENGER.

Boston, Jan. 25.—Jack Sharkey has signed articles for a fifteen rounds bout with Johnny Risko, of Cleveland and, to be held in New York on March 12, winner to meet Tunney for the heavyweight title in the summer.—Reuters' American Service.

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

THREE MORE DECISIONS NOW REACHED.

2ND ROUND DRAW.

London, Jan. 25.—In the re-played Scottish Cup match, St. Johnstone, playing at home, lost to the Hearts by one goal to nil, after extra time. Dundee United, at home, overcame East Fife by two goals to one, in their re-played Cup tie.

At Dumbarion, the home team lost to their postponed Cup match with Hamilton, the latter winning by three goals to two.

The Draw.

The draw for the second round is to be played on February 4th, as follows:

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 28th) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 28th:

ENGLISH CUP.

FOURTH ROUND.

Bury	v	McChester Un.
Cardiff	v	Liverpool
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St. Mirren	v	Dundee
Dundee United	v	Leicester
Dunfermline	v	Leith Amateurs
Partick	v	Nithsdale
Stenhousemuir	v	Alloa
Ayr	v	Falkirk
Armadale	v	King's Park
Motherwell	v	Raith
Rangers	v	Cowdenbeath
Airdrie	v	Hamilton
Queen's Park	v	Morton
Bruden City	v	Albion
3rd Lanark	v	Hibernians
Keith	v	Celtic

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Norwich	v	Walsall
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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

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The Players.

Of the Club team the halves with the exception of Noronha were weak. Howell was inclined to be slow while Sim found the P.A.F. right wing difficult to hold. Wheeler was the pick of the forward line.

The R.A.F. forward line was weak, the players doing anything but score. Flying Officer Arbuthnot showed the best turn of speed and initiative. The halves improved as the game went on and in the later stages the backs were strong.

Following are the teams.

Club.—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. Henry and D. Lyons; A. C. Rowell, J. E. Noronha, and E. L. Sim; G. B. Slipper, W. Woodward, F. G. Wheeler, E. W. Sampson, and T. Whitley.

R.A.F.—Sergt. Chamberlain; Flying Officer Webb and Lieut. Hale; A/C. Kidd, Lieut. Hunt and Lieut. Armour; L/A/C Ashford, Flight Lieut. Blodorn, Flight Lieut. Gardner, Flying Officer Wallace and Flying Officer Arbutnott.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

Yesterday at Soeknoppoo, the K. O. S. Bs. defeated the Ambrose in the United Services Competition by four goals to one. The Ambrose, playing with a strong wind failed to register a goal in the first half, although they forced several corners.

The K.O.S.B.s. scored once in the opening half. McGlinchey sent Humphries in and he beat Morrell from close range.

Early in the second half, Campbell scored from a centre by Alexander. Humphries put in the third.

A nice movement by the Ambrose forwards ended when Wallace beat Anderson with a fast low shot.

The Ambrose had a couple of chances to add to their score but failed close in. McGlinchey headed in from a centre by Campbell making the score four goals to one in favour of the K.O.S.B.s.

No further scoring took place, the K.O.S.B.s. winning by the above score.

To-day the Maratzen play the R.A.M.C. in the Junior Competition, kick off at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. Referee, Gr. Kinsella.

GOLF RIVALS.

ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN VACUUM AND SINGER.

At the Deep Water Bay Golf Course yesterday afternoon, the annual match between the Vacuum Oil and Singer Sewing Machine Companies was played—Mr. C. T. Fowle representing Vacuum and Mr. Duclos representing Singer. The game was very exciting, a finalised gallery following the game.

At the end of the 36 holes Fowle was six up, having completed the four rounds in 209.

Mr. Duclos is an old base-ball player, with a record for hard hitting—yesterday he was twice on the sixth green in one.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

The Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Garbett) has been unable to give his permission for the performance of a Nativity play by children in Christ Church, Streatham Hill. In a letter to the vicar, the Rev. R. P. E. Cheeseman, the Bishop states that he has only given permission for the performance of such plays when the words have been taken directly from the Scriptures or based on the Scriptures. Christ was not represented in the play. The part of the Virgin Mary was to have been taken by a little girl.

Concluding, his Lordship said

for those reasons he was of the

opinion that the substantive pay

at all material times was less than

\$200, exclusive of allowances,

that the defendant was within the protection provided under the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance, 1917, and that being so, the Court

was without jurisdiction to entertain the action.

"Therefore non-suit the plain-

tiff with costs."

Mr. Lo remarked that he under-

stood the plaintiff would take the case to a higher Court.

PUBLIC SERVANTS' LIABILITY.

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Mr. Lo continued that the defendant had given evidence that he was a public servant and it was necessary to show if, under the Ordinance, he received any protection. Under Section 3 of Ordinance 10, 1917, it stated that no action shall be maintained against a public servant upon certain conditions being involved. One was upon any promise, express or implied, to repay money paid or advanced to him, or upon any bill of exchange or promissory note given by him. Under the first section of Section 3, the defendant was within the Ordinance, but under Section 3 of the same section it stated that the first section should not apply to a public servant whose pay at the time when the debt was contracted exceeded \$200 per month, exclusive of any allowance.

Mr. Lo continued that on the material dates the defendant was entitled to have his salary converted at the exchange of \$12 to the pound and in fact he had his salary so converted. The defendant had told the Court that on the material dates he received over \$200 a month, being \$210 on the first date and \$220 when the last note was signed.

Question of Salary.

His Lordship:—Except for the operation of Government Order 101, the defendant is protected.

Mr. Lo:—I quite agree.

Mr. Lo continued that all the Court was entitled to determine was whether,

BURNS' NIGHT.

HONGKONG SCOTS HONOUR THE POET.

MEMORABLE SPEECH.

There was a large gathering of local Scots at the Volunteer Headquarters last night, on the occasion of the celebration, under the auspices of the Hongkong Saint Andrew's Society, of Burns' Night.

An appropriate scheme of decoration had been carried out, with evergreens and bunting, and in the middle of the room hung a big lampshade formed of four Saint Andrew's crosses. For the work done in this direction the Saint Andrew's Society are indebted to Mr. George Duncan, O.B.E., who for several years has made himself responsible for decorative effects at Scottish celebrations in Hongkong. At the opposite end of the hall to the main table was a portrait of Robert Burns, draped with the Scottish traditional flag.

At the far end of the hall was the Chieftain's table, at which Mr. D. Templeton, the President of the Saint Andrew's Society, presided.

The menu included many Scotch dishes:

Prior to the commencement of the repast, Grace was said by the Rev. J. Kirk Macnaulie.

The Haggis Comes In.

The bringing in of the haggis followed the time-honoured custom, it being carried in by Mr. A. McLeod, and piped in by Piper Nesbit, H.V.D.C., with Mr. B. Wyllie carrying the Barley Bree, which was duly served to the President and others at his table, from the quail, according to the usual ceremonious observance; Piper Brown, H.V.D.C., was also in attendance to pipe in the company to dinner.

The toast of The King was given by Mr. D. Templeton, and later in the evening he called upon Mr. Robert G. Shewan, a past President of the Hongkong Saint Andrew's Society, to propose the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. Mr. Shewan spoke eloquently, and the audience were no doubt convinced of the truth of the lines appearing on the menu, "Who says that Robbie Burns is dead? Who says he dies below the weet, A pickle stoor, baith heart and head."

This hunner year? Dell blast the loons! but they had lee'd!

For Robin's here."

Mr. Shewan's Speech.

In a speech which was punctuated throughout by bursts of applause and occasional laughter at the shafts of wit, Mr. Shewan said:

Chieftain and Gentlemen,

We are met to-night to celebrate the birthday of a great man whom we are proud to claim as our countryman, a man who had misfortunes great and small, but aye a heart above them all. As the spae wife on that 25th January, 1759, foretold, 'in very plain language, he certainly had a weakness for the lassies'; but he was not the only one and he points out himself that the wisest man the world over saw shared that weakness with him, so in face of that we humbler mortals must keep silence and leave these greater men to their bonny fortunes or misfortunes with the other sex.

With men or women our hero's heart always ruled his head, and well he knew it. For while he gives excellent advice to a young friend, he ends up by hoping that he may better reck the rede than ever did the adviser.

We Scots are often told that we have a good conceit of ourselves. Well why shouldn't we? A country that could produce such extremes as Robert Burns and John Knox may well be proud of itself.

And we are not lacking in other testimonials, for Dr. Johnson, when he got off his celebrated gibe about oats for horses and men, was silent when asked where he could find finer men than those brought up on oatmeal. And the Englishman who said that we kept the Sabbath and everything else, we could lay our hands on was dumbfounded when the reply came that the only thing his country ever let drop was the letter H! But we should be very careful in making these comparisons, and bear in mind the fate of the Colonist who, boasting how well his countrymen had done in the War, was told "Naturally for your Ancestors were sent out by good Judges."

American Tribute.

And now the latest tribute to our merits comes from America where it seems that no Bank Director will engage a Manager for his business who is not a Scot. And if this is not enough I would remind you that a great modern Painter, a great modern Poet and our present Prime Minister are all direct descendants of George Macdonald, a true Scots Preacher, Poet and Mystic.

I only mention this in passing as we are a modest people, and too much given to hiding our lights. But all the same who is like us? That Burns was a true Poet we have the witness of Tennyson who declared that never was immortal Poet if Burns, be not one, and of Swinburne and Watson, two Masters of Melody, who have sung of Burns in lines which stir the blood of every Scotsman. Doubtless you know them, but I may repeat a few verses if only to show how two such masters of words can turn them into music to do honour to a rival in their own Art.

This is what Watson says: He came when Poets had forgot How rich and strange the human lot; How warm the thots of life; how hot Are Love and Hate, And what makes truth divine, and what

Makes Manhood great.

For mid an age of dust and dearth Once more had bloomed immortal worth There in the strong splenetic North

The Spring began.

A mighty mother had brought forth

A mighty man. He err'd, he sinned, and if there be

Who, from his hapless frailties free,

Rich the poorer virtues, see His faults alone—

To such, O Lord of Charity,

Be mercy shown;

And this is what Swinburne says:—

Above the storms of praise and blame

That blur with mist his lustre name,

His thunderous laughter went and came

And lives and flies.

The roar that follows on the flame When Lightning dies.

Then too there is a fine tribute from America by Lowell for Burns' Centenary, which deserves to be better known than it is.

For me to attempt to add to the burning words of these two poets would be in the words of Shakespeare be wasteful and ridiculous excess. But I will venture one remark. There are some who seem to think that the Scottish poets must be inferior to the English Poets. Well let us see. We will take Gray, a highly cultured man and a fair representative of English poetry. Let us see how he and Burns describe the dying day.

Gray's line "the curfew tolls the knell of parting day" is fine, but does it come up to the quiet beauty and simplicity of "The wintry sun the day has closed"? I do not think so. It is the difference between the two men. One is ornate and artificial, the other is simple and natural. There is too, the difference in the setting. One was thinking of the rich soil and the fat beavers of the South, the other of the bitter biting North and its wind-swept fields.

It is not only as a great poet that we rejoice in Burns, we love him even more because he was a man with a large hearted love for his fellow-man. Some perhaps, who are not great-minded, may murmur "and fellow women, but much is forgiven to those who love much, and if ever there were a man who loved his fellow-man, it was the man we hold in our hearts to-night.

Poet for All Time.

Like Abou Ben Adhem, he would not be a Holy Willie, and boast of his love of God, but like modest old Abou, he would ask to be written down as one that loved his fellow men, and like him would find his name "lead all the rest." He not only loved them but he sang to them, and to us but who come after, of the glorious privilege of being independent and taught us that "an honest man's the noblest work of God and the Peer of any belted Knight or noble Lord.

As Tennyson says Burns is a Poet for all time, but beyond that he was a most lovable loving man, whose heart took in all sorts and conditions of men and drew no line at the publicans and sinners.

It was not John Barleycorn but the Society of their own kind in fact that kept Burns and Souter Jonnie and the others at Tam O'Shanter's and Poosie Nansie's when they sought all to have been in their beds. His heart had room for all God's creatures and things, the poor field-mouse and the modest crimson-tipped daisy, and nothing he wrote is, I think, more exquisite than his lines to those two lowly objects. From the highest to the lowest all were his brothers.

But with all his affection for his brother-men, he was not blind to their faults, and when necessary he could scourge hypocrites and Holy Willies with words of everlasting scorn and contempt. He might as he says "Keek thro' other men with sharpened sly inspection," but I fear the glass in his hand often interferred with his judgment. His faults were those of all such warm generous natures, as he was ever on the side of the poor oppressed honest man and swift to resent injustice or arrogance.

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Abune Them A.

As a Poet, as a Singer, it needs more eloquence than I possess to do him justice. In humour and pathos he holds his own with the best. What can be finer than the humour of "The Jolly Beggars," "The Holy Fair" or "Tamm O'Shanter," and as to pathos what can equal the heartbreak of "Ae fond Kiss," that alone, not to mention "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Mary Morrison" and what a world of sorrow refusing to be comforted is there in the three simple words "My Nanie's awa."

I do not forget the great names in literature when I say that to us Scots Burns is abne them a', his songs will live for ever and be sung as Auld Lang Syne is sung now in every corner of the world by all kinds and races of men. But no prophet is honoured in his own country and Robert Burns and a far greater than Robert Burns were made to feel how ungrateful this world can be to its noblest souls. Burns sang his whole soul out to the world and we know what he got in return. And now Gentlemen I have kept tryste with the Chieftain who commanded me to be here tonight for Scottish Chiefs do not ask, they command. Saying to this man Go and he goeth and so I will detain you no longer. The old lady complained that Hamlet was nothing but quotations, so I have done my best to avoid that fault and not carry coals to Newcastle by quoting Burns to you. Had he never written anything more than Auld Lang Syne, he would have been immortal, for it is matchless, although there is a song that is even more dear to us than Auld Lang Syne.

The two songs have gone round the world together and into many strange places, but the one I refer to is buried even deeper in the memory of every Scottish lad from childhood, and wherever he may be his heart will beat and his breast will swell at the first sound of those noble old words. Need I tell you gentlemen what that song is? I think you have guessed it. I am sure Mr. Macnaulie could tell you. It is the 23rd Psalm:

The Silent Toast.

Just one more word. There are ghosts in this room tonight, gentlemen. The spirits of the past are with us here tonight and when you drink in silence to the Immortal Memory of our beloved Poet, our own Rantan, Robin Robin, east your thoughts back to the men who have gone before you.

To Phineas Ryrie, the founder of this Society and truly the King among us a', his fine figure resplendent in his Tartan from faraway Skye.

To Scott of Taike, a man after my own heart and to his and my friend Fullerton Henderson, the wittiest and most attractive of speakers,

To Beancake Billy, a great Merchant Prince, and to James the Politie who was indeed always the finest work she classes, O.

Her noblest work she classes, O. Her prentie han' she tried on man, An' then she made the lasses, O!

Women, since the days of Burns,

had shaken off the shackles and were now competing with men as doctors, lawyers, and in business.

(A voice, "And with the schoolmasters!") In Scotland, the first woman to become a lawyer had had her birth.—Miss Carrie Morrison.

The first woman sea-going engineer had also come from Scotland,—

Miss Drummond. Also, the only

team to have a woman on the board of directors was the Edinburgh Hibs. (Applause).

The speaker, continuing in humorous vein, said that in the papers the other day he had read that a London professor had taken the statistics of measurements of men and women students, and while the men had remained about the same size for the past 30 years, the ladies were growing bigger. He did, not know whether this meant that they were going to have a race of Amazons or a lady heavy-weight champion!

But, seriously, where would they, or any famous men, have been without the women, their mothers? If to their mothers, particularly in between six and sixteen, at the time of their impressionable years, that they owed a great deal in the moulding of their character. The influence of the womanfolk was predominant, and had a great deal to do with the honour of the achievements of men, in history, science and in civilisation.

He would quote the very apt lines of Sir Patrick Manson and Jeems Cantlie.

Gentlemen, these men, these ghosts, have passed the lamp on to you. See that you keep the pure flame of love of our Country, old Caledonian stern and wild, ever burning clear and high.

As for me my time is getting short, "the wan moon is setting beyond the white wave and Time is setting with me," but if I never see you here again, it matters not, for we shall all meet some day in the Land o' the Leal.

Gentlemen, raise your glasses, in silence please. I give you the immortal Memory of Robert Burns, God bless him.

The Lassies.

The toast of The Lassies fell to Mr. W. Kay, and he carried out his duty, in happy vein, his remarks calling forth frequent applause and the humorous parts evoking much merriment.

He prefaced his speech with the assertion, "I consider it a piece of presumption to propose the toast of the lassies, as I do not suppose anyone knows less about them than I do." However, I admit that the subject is a most ticklish one?

Mr. Kay proceeded to explain how he came to be proposing the toast. It was, he asserted, a conspiracy on the part of several friends, and commenced some weeks ago. In the end he had been prevailed upon to consent.

So here he was, an old bachelor

Replies to the toast of The Lassies.

"O woman, in our hours of ease Uncertain, coy and hard to please, And variable as the shade,

By the light quivering aspen made!

When pain and anguish wring the brow,

A ministering angel thou!"

Therefore, they owed the most to the lassies, "Good luck to them, and God bless them!" (Applause).

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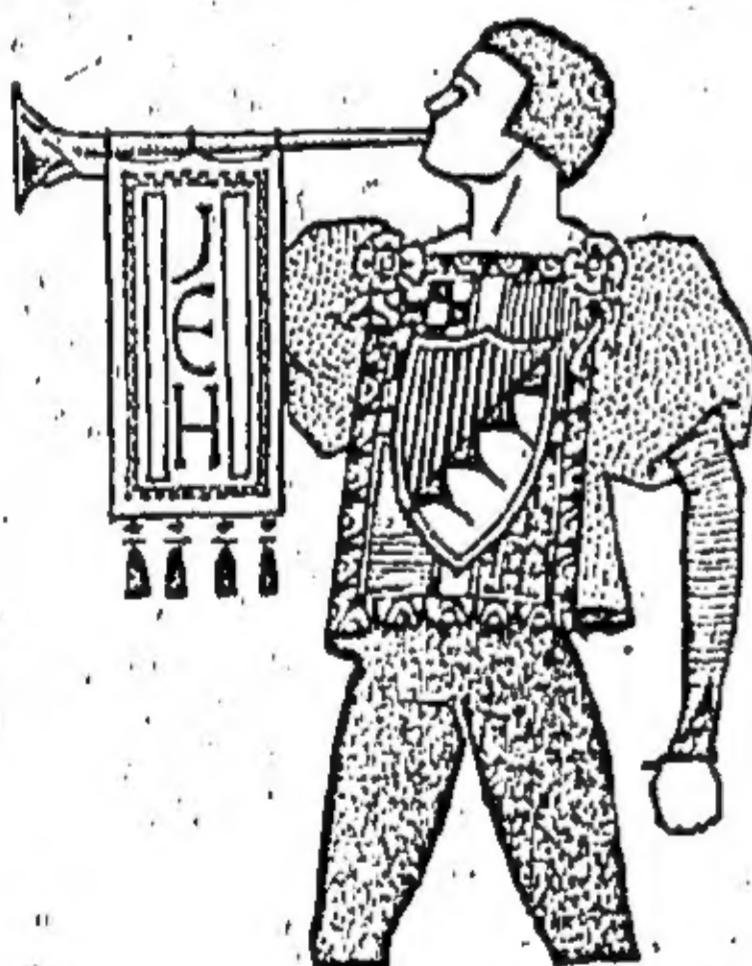
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BURNS' NICHT.

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Burns once visited my native place. He liked it so well, that he wrote a poem asking a bonny lassie to go courting with him there. That poem, "The Birk's o'Aberfeldy," is still a popular song. It was, along with the "Auld Hundred," the first poetry I ever read.

But Sir, it must often have struck you that there is something odd about this toast being proposed by a bachelor. I know it is a tradition. I suspect it is a tradition meant to lead to a joke. And the joke is on the bachelor. Because, really, for a bachelor to talk about lassies, is like a blind man talking of beauty, a farmer discoursing on steamships, or a London journalist writing on China. Perhaps Mr. Kay is waiting till he is ten years richer to marry someone twenty years younger. If so let him take warning from Burns' expression of the sentiments of Spring married to Winter.

"What can a young lassie, what shall a young lassie,

What can a young lassie do wi' an auld man?

Bad luck on the penny that tempted my Minnie.

To sell her poor Jenny for a siller an' Ian?"

He may find, that, instead of being rejoiced by the wife of his bosom,

"He's peevish and jealous of a' the young fellows"

When I tell him this I think I am, in every sense of the phrase, answering for the lassies. I hope I am also answering for the lassies when I quote again:

"A man may drink and no be drunk;

A man may fight and no be slain;

A man may kiss a bonny lass,

And aye be welcome back again."

Mr. Kay has spoken well; for a bachelor. But it was not as a bachelor that Burns said his best things about the lassies. His verses on The Tarbolton Lassies, The Mauchline Belles, on Clarinda on The Highland Lassie, on The Lass of Ballochmyre and on Lovelly Davies—"Bonny wee thing, cannie wee thing, lovely wee thing, wer't thou mine, etc.—these are all perfect in their kind. But deeper in its sweetness, more potent in its national influence, is what he wrote after marriage, now inscribed on his monument in the Square of Dumfries.

"To make a happy fireside clime

To weans and wife,

That's the true pathos and sublimity

Of human life."

Before he was able to write that, Burns had given up much. A famous critic, not always favourable to Burns, has said that the three things necessary to the support of genius are "prosperity, social acquaintance, and applause." Burns found these in Edinburgh in 1787. He might have enjoyed them all his life. With their support he might have risen to even greater heights than the pinnacle on which he is now established. But he chose to return to Jean Armour. He thought that a small farm, or £50 a year as an Exciseman, in the country with a wife and family, was worth more than prosperity, social acquaintance, or growing fame. The Roman Mark Antony is usually instanced as the symbol of the world well lost for love. But the Roman is an ignoble example, as compared with the Scottish Robbie Burns.

That Sir, is why the toast is so important on this anniversary. And that is why I am glad to be able to say on behalf of the lassies that I thank Mr. Kay for what he has so admirably said, and thank you for the spirit with which you have honoured the toast.

Mr. Kay has erstwhile given expression to a strange Bachelor's Philosophy in "A Dominic's Doggerel." But, what he has said to-night is a worthier expression of the more typically Scottish creed which Burns versified when he wrote:

"I ha'e been blythe wi' comrades

dear;

I ha'e been merry drinking;

I ha'e been joyfu' gath'rin gear;

I ha'e been happy thinking;

But a' the pleasures ere I saw,

The' three times doubd fairly,

That happy night was worth

them a'.

Amang the rigs o'barley."

On behalf of the lassies I thank you.

The speech, which was punctuated by frequent expressions of appreciation, ended amidst a burst of prolonged applause.

A Memorable Occasion.

The evening concluded with a number of musical items, to which Messrs. G. McLeod, W. J. Blackley, Stewart, and others contributed, Mr. G. Grindle accompanying the songs.

The Rev. Kirk Macdonald also gave a few minutes of much-appreciated Scots humour.

At the conclusion of his examples of wit from North o' Tweed, Mr. Macdonald referred to the fact that that would probably be the last occasion on which he would

be addressing them at such a gathering. However, on the date coming round again, his memory would be with them, and he would always recollect this night, with Mr. Templeton presiding, and Mr. Shawan, the "Grand Old Man of the Scottish community," coming forth from his retirement to propose the Immortal Memory. (Applause).

A very pleasant gathering broke up, after midnight, the occasion being one which will long live in the memories of all who were present.

K.B.S.F.P.A.'S YEAR.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES UNDER REVIEW.

The report of the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association, to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting, which will be held in the Central British School, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. to-day, states:

The report which the committee now presents covers an unusually long period—1st April, 1926 to 31 December, 1927—due to a decision taken early last year that the financial period should end on the 31st August, and to the absence from the Colony of the chairman, Mr. G. F. Nightingale.

Under the circumstances it is also felt that it will suffice to give a review of events during 1927, particularly as there have been frequent changes in the constitution of the committee, and the secretaryship, owing to departure of members on leave.

A number of dances were held during the winter season and though not financially successful (a small loss was suffered as may be seen from the accounts), provided most enjoyable functions.

Sports Activities.

The Association's activities covered a wide field, including cricket, hockey, tennis and water polo. A few remarks on each of these follow:

A commencement at cricket was made last year under the aegis of Mr. C. T. Evans, to whose able efforts members owe a great deal.

In conclusion the committee regrets to record that little or no interest is displayed in the welfare of the Association. Every effort has been made on behalf of the members, and it is largely due to non-support that these efforts have been brought to naught. Such a state of affairs is deplorable, and a ruling is desired on the future of the Association.

The balance sheet shows the sum of \$21.12 on the credit side.

Fixtures were arranged with the China Light and Power and Hongkong Electric Recreation Clubs, and matches were also played against the present pupils of the School. From these various encounters much enjoyment was derived.

Opportunity is taken of expressing thanks to the Kowloon Cricket Club for the loan of equipment:

Largely owing to the activity of Miss Woolley and Mr. Rasmussen, hockey games were arranged with local clubs, and keen interest was awakened in this pastime.

A tennis team was entered in the "C" division of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, and was unfortunate in the number of reverses it sustained. Much hard work was done here by Mr. Railton.

The courts of the Association at King's Park were kept in good condition and were always available.

In water polo, as in former years, chief interest centred. Two teams were entered in the league, the senior of these ending the season once again as runners-up to the V.R.C., who proved far too good for us.

Prior to the commencement of the league a number of matches were played with naval and army teams. Our thanks are due particularly to the former for the use of the Naval Camber, and to both for the practice afforded.

Pavilion Project.

Proposals for the erection of a pavilion and means were carefully discussed. A plan was drawn up and submitted for approval to the Government, and estimates of cost obtained. Permission was granted, but on account of lack of funds the scheme had to be abandoned.

We are very grateful to Messrs. Wood, Ralphs and Wylie for their assistance and advice.

Attention is directed to the duly audited statement which is submitted by the hon. treasurer.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.
Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Denys the Dreamer."

CHAPTER XXV.

It was a long time before the men came back, long enough to keep Beata and her mother in painful suspense as to what had happened.

"There has been a bad accident," said the doctor, seriously. "I want you two ladies out of the way. Captain Napier will drive you over to the Blue Boar in Warley while I and my chauffeur remain here. Can you be ready in ten minutes? Just take what you want for the time being."

"We can be ready," Mrs. de Burgh said.

"We can leave you some food. But it is your man-servant. Don't ask me any more questions. The wind is going down. I thought it could not stand against the torrential rain. Wrap yourselves up warmly. The car is rather wet, I'm afraid. Bring any rugs you have."

Mrs. de Burgh had the invaluable quality, as the doctor said later, of asking no questions. They were ready within ten minutes, each hooded and tur-cloaked, with rugs and suit-cases.

As they went down the avenue, passing between the temples in which lay the stone coffin of Thelka Pompilia, four years old, and the windmill, Anthony Napier leant towards Beata who was sitting beside him, intercepting her view of the windmill.

"You are not coming back to the Moated Grange any more," he said. "To-night you can sleep at the Blue Boar at Warley, a very comfortable hostelry; to-morrow Rosamond Jekyll will fetch you over to Posterns. She would have come for you this afternoon, only the wind was too high for their big car. There is nothing like a Ford for such weather."

She had bent her head to the wind, which was still high enough to prevent much talking. The rain had ceased off. The drenched country after the frost-smelt deliciously, the air was quite warm, although clinging wet. A strand of her hair had got loose without her knowing it, and lay, a wet sweet-scented, across his cheek and about his neck.

"You are glad to have left that place behind, my dear," he said, turning to look at her where her face glimmered in the darkness close to his own.

It was the first time he had used a caressing word, and he had contrived to put a great deal into that simple "my dear."

"I am very glad," she said. "I have been desperately frightened."

The car was running smoothly now down a long straight road.

"Frightened! my dear!" he said, with the same tender intonation. "What frightened you? I should have been there. I shall see to it that you are never frightened any more."

She had a feeling as though he drew her close to him with warm protection, although he had not moved.

She began to tell him her incredible story. Mrs. de Burgh in the back of the car, her head wrapped in a motor veil, her head at her feet, caught a word now and again blown back to her.

"I have written to Sir Hilary Egerton," Captain Napier said, and told him to come home. You cannot imagine what a different place the Moated Grange was before the terrible accident to poor Lady Egerton. He will be horrified to know what has befallen the place, which he loves dearly. I should not think he ever authorised those servants of his to let the house. They counted on his continued absence."

"Oh!" said Beata, "and why then did the servants let the house?"

"I would not think about that, my dear," the young man said, tenderly. "You must forget what you have suffered there, and perhaps return in happier times to realise that the house was not to blame."

She whispered to him something her mother did not hear, which was followed by an ejaculation of horror from the listener.

So Beata had not told her all. There was yet more to be told. As she lay back, wrapped up in her furs, the thoughts persisted of the pleasantness of the Moated Grange, that it was only free of all the glooms that had gathered about it.

The six miles to Warley were splashed through quickly and without mishap. The Blue Boar, which seemed pretty full of people, an old-fashioned comfortable house, seemed a very haven after the serenity of the Moated Grange. The hostess, rosy and plump, had given them a warm welcome, and had not even tabooed the presence of Nash in their bedroom.

Beata was going to be nervous, to jump in her sleep and cry out for ever a mystery. At least, they had

THE NEW ORDER AT HANKOW.

AGITATORS RECEIVE RUDE AWAKENING.

An excellent indication of the change of policy and how the Chinese authorities in Hankow are out to curb the terroristic tactics of agitators who have been making a good thing out of Communistic practices was indicated in a battle which took place between two sets of coolies in Messrs. Mackenzie & Co.'s press packing works in the ex-British Concession on the 11th instant.

It appears that most likely through not being able to get work some forty outside coolies made a bid to carry some of the bales. In this they were stopped by a head coolie named Wong Yue-an who was out to keep the business a close one for his special set. His explanation was that as the new comers were not members of the Loong Mao Employee's Union they would not be allowed to work. To this the new crowd replied that there was now no use to belong to any Union and without further ado Wang called his satellites together, closed the gates of the premises and proceeded, in the good old way to beat up the strangers.

GRUESOME FIND AT A SUFFOLK HOUSE.

A DEAD BODY COMES TO LIGHT.

BURIED IN THE MOAT.

AWFUL DEATH OF A MAN SERVANT.

BITTERED TO PUDDLE BY A WINDMILL.

A WOMAN DEAD FROM EXPOSURE.

These alluring head-lines in lead-ed type were delighting Londoners with a fine taste in horrors.

Mrs. de Burgh had had to give evidence at the inquest, but that was something that Beata was spared. She was not told for some considerable time the dreadful things that had happened at the Moated Grange.

Cronch had apparently made a hiding-place of the upper chamber of the windmill, which, on examination, proved to be full of valuable property of one kind or another, including whole cellar of drinks. He had apparently entered and left his hiding-place by a light ladder, the same which he had used to enter her Ladyship's Wing on the night when Beata had been nearly frightened out of her wits. They could only conjecture what had happened. Cronch had been drinking and had tried to leave the windmill in the ordinary way, ignorant that the wind had blown down the ladder. Swinging by his two hands from the window sill he had been caught by the revolving sails of the mill and had been terribly battered before the sails let him go as a dead rat is dropped by a terrier that has shaken the life out of it.

There was a little life still in the bruised and battered body when he was found, soaked in blood and sodden by the heavy downpour of rain.

Long afterwards she was to learn how the attention of the doctor and Captain Napier had been attracted as they came near the windmill by two small green lights shining in the darkness.

When they turned their lamps on the broken body lying at the foot of the windmill, the sails of which had ceased to revolve, a cat which had been sitting on the man's chest spat at them and fled into the darkness.

Mrs. Cronch had been found, a search being made for her, in a field midway between Warley and the Moated Grange. She had apparently slipped on the half-melted mud and had broken a leg. She was not discovered for many hours, and by that time she was in a very bad way.

She had been taken to the cottage hospital at Laleham Ferrars, where Beata and Mrs. de Burgh, when they were permitted, saw her in a white bed in a ward firelit and sweet with flowers. There was a very tender-faced Sister standing by the bed, who looked down at Mrs. Cronch as though she were something beautiful.

"She is such a good patient," she said. "If we could only rid her mind of the idea that she is suffering for her sins we might get on better."

Mrs. Cronch opened her weary eyes and looked love at her visitors.

"You should never have come to that place, my dear," she said, addressing Mrs. de Burgh, "nor brought her there! Not that there was anything wrong with the house, only the sins of them that was in it."

She reached out a coarsened and roughened hand and touched Beata's.

"I'd like to know about Cronch," she said. "I've got it in my mind he's dead. I'd be happier to know he was gone. He never thought much on me, but I wouldn't like to leave him to maybe a worse woman than me, havin' it between us that Nellie was ours."

Mrs. de Burgh turned an imploring gaze on the Sister, who nodded. Her lips formed the words, "Tell her."

"He is at rest," she said. "You are to think of him as at rest, and leave him to the Infinite Mercy of God."

In her own mind she prayed that Cronch might have been less guilty than he seemed. Had he not said in his drunken talk that he had never meant to kill the old man?

As for his intentions regarding them—well, they must remain for ever a mystery. At least, they had

SOME SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

END OF THE MURDER CASE.

PEKING CO-OPERATE WITH THE SOUTH.

PEKING, Jan. 20.

The community is not a little relieved over the outcome of the trial of Acting Lance Corporal Hector Macdonald Robertson, of the Scots Guards, who was acquitted by a jury of his peers,

without even the formality of leaving the jury box, of the charge of shooting and killing a Chinese houseboy in the China United Assurance Society's Apart-

ment Building.

It was known, of course, all along that certain subversive elements, always on the look-out for opportunities of introducing points of friction between the foreign and Chinese communities,

were on the alert to use the shoot-

ing incident as ammunition in

their plan of campaign, for whilst

responsible Chinese bodies have

now fully appreciated how much

the presence of the Shanghai De-

fence Force has meant to them in

these difficult times, the mischief-

makers have left no stone unturn-

ed and have gone out of their way

in their eager attempt to discredit

the defenders of the Settlement in

the eyes of the Chinese.

The Robertson case has furnish-

ed an effective illustration of

circumstantial evidence. Here

was a man who was in the same

room as a Chinese houseboy when

the latter met his "death" from a

gunshot wound, and all the sur-

rounding circumstances would

seemingly point to the former

having taken the life of the dead

man. But a British jury does not

convict on suspicion, especially in

a murder case, and a reasonable

account having been given by the

accused of his role in the incident,

the jury acquitted him, a verdict

in which the presiding judge

entirely concurred.

The preconceived notions enter-

tained by some Chinese as to the

guilt of Robertson were well

exemplified in the Police Court

proceedings, when one of the

Chinese witnesses referred to the

accused as "the man who had kill-

ed the houseboy."

CONDAMN'D MEN WHO CAME BACK TO LIFE.

Several cases have occurred, in

which armed desperados who

have been sentenced to death by

the Provisional Court, handed over

to the Chinese authorities and

ostensibly executed by the latter,

but subsequently returned to the

Settlement to ply their nefarious

trade of dealing death and destruction to law-abiding citizens.

This is one of the reasons for the

prevalence of outlawry on a scale

that has no parallel in the annals

of the Settlement. The return of

these dangerous characters is

tantamount to letting loose on a

community a howling pack of

wolves who will not fail to devour

their prey if they run true to

type.

The reason for the mysterious

return of these "criminals" like

apparitions from the spirit world

is that the Chinese-controlled

territory contiguous to the foreign

Settlement is subject to such

frequent changes of authority that

in the interregnum between one

dispensation and another, yamen

underlings, for certain monetary

considerations, calmly proceed

to release the condemned criminals

and give as the official excuse that

the outlaws in such cases contrive

to effect their escape in the con-

fusion of civil strife.

The Settlement police are now

more inconstant on due facilities

being accorded them by the

Chinese authorities to supervise

the execution of the death sentence

so that they will feel assured that

condemned criminals will not again

be let loose to prey on their

victims.

Some are in favour of discon-

tinuing the chopping off of heads

and introducing the "cat o' nine tails,"

the bamboo and the birch

rod for varying degrees of offences

as being more potent in

instilling terror in criminals

than the prospect of death itself.

TRAM TERRORS.

The death of Nils Bojesen, a

12-year-old Scandinavian boy, who

was fatally injured in a tramcar

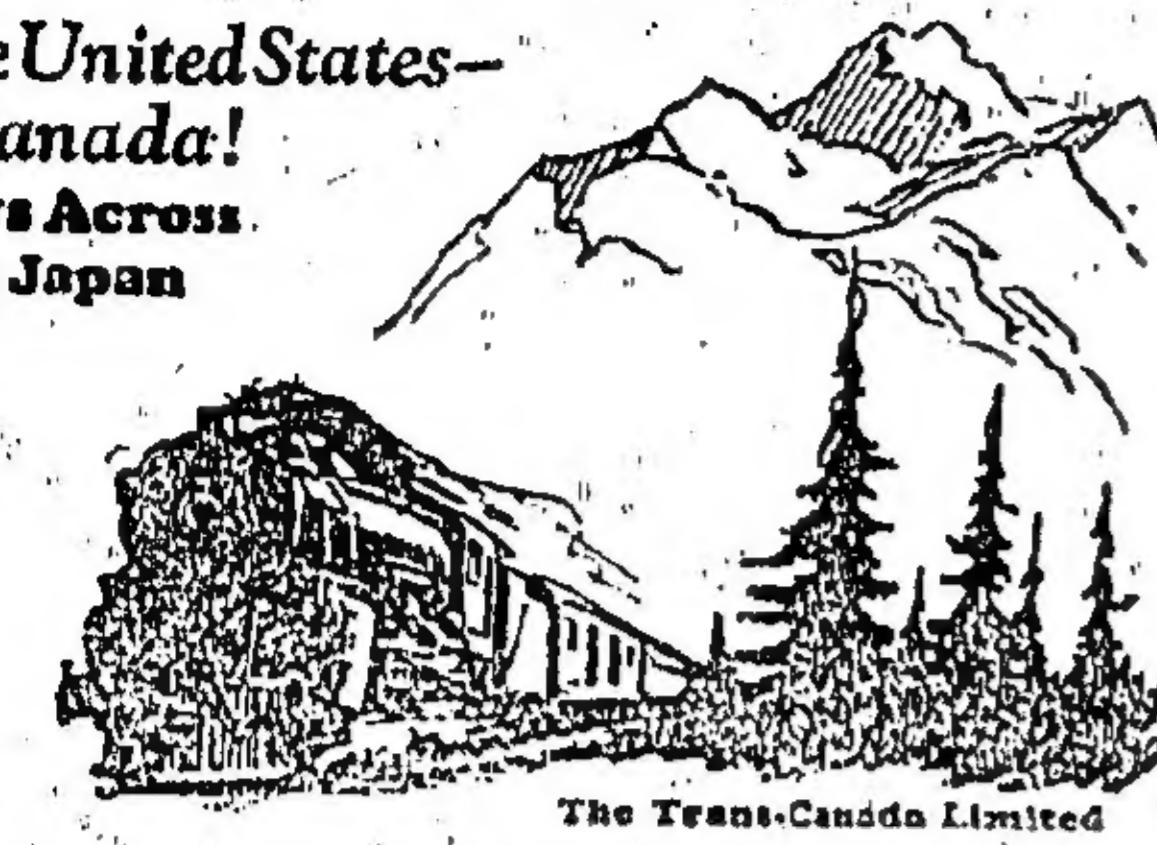
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SCOUT MUSTER.

THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS PRIZE BANNER.

Over 130 Scouts and Cubs mustered in the grounds of Government House yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, as Chief Scout, presented the Prince of Wales Banner to the Troop of Sea Scouts, who are the winners in the last competition amongst the different units for this trophy.

There were present the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., His Lordship Bishop Duppuy, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. E. Ralphs, and a number of spectators.

Following an inspection of the Scouts, who were drawn up in a semi-circle, His Excellency the Chief Scout said:

"Boy Scouts, I am glad to have this opportunity of inspecting you, and I congratulate the First Hongkong Sea Scouts on winning the Prince of Wales' banner. The Prince of Wales' motto is 'Ich dien,' which means 'I serve'; and you who have won this banner must show yourselves worthy to carry it by loyal and faithful service in that world-wide brotherhood of youth which is the Boy Scouts Association."

During last year there came under my notice some actions by Scoutmasters and Scouts which were not creditable to the Association. I am glad to say that anything of this kind is very unusual;

but I wish to address to you, one and all, a word of warning. It is the reasonable aim of every boy and man to—"get on"—as the saying is—in life. But, remember that a cynic has inflicted the phrase "get on" through the usual degrees of comparison with this curious linguistic result—"get on," "get honour," "get honest!" And I desire you to bear in mind that, unless your lives exemplify the superlative degree in that table of comparison, it will avail you little to "get on" or even to "get honour." This precept may stick in your memory more easily, if I put it into the form of a rhyme, thus:

"If you want to get on and get honour, get honest! The superlative first, or the rest of it now est!"

But the matter is put best of all in the Scouts' Law which says:

"A Scout's honour is to be trusted."

This law is fundamental and you must each of you obey it most scrupulously.

I wish you every happiness and success in the New Year,

Other Speeches.

The Hon. Dr R. H. Kotewall thanked His Excellency for the kindly interest he took in the Boy Scouts Association, and in referring to the wholesome advice which His Excellency had given in regard to certain discreditable acts on the part of one or two Scoutmasters, said he was glad that such cases were few. He hoped that the advice would be taken to heart, and that they would all so conduct themselves as to bring credit to themselves and to the movement.

The Rev. Mr. G. T. Waldegrave, the local Scout Commissioner, said the rather small number was due to a variety of reasons. In the first place, one troop was unable to turn up because its Scoutmaster

was getting married that day, and at the moment was holding his wedding reception. Two troops from the New Territories were unable to come without making great preparations, while the Chinese New Year festival had also kept many others from attending.

Otherwise their full muster would have been 450. Concluding, Mr. Waldegrave said they were glad to hear that Lady Clementi had made a good recovery, and he exhorted the boys to make their three cheers the heartier on that account.

Three lusty cheers were given for His Excellency, after which the Scouts dispersed.

The rally was under the command of Mr. A. White, Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association in Hongkong.

Scoutmaster E. R. Dovey and Assistant Scoutmaster R. Wong of the 2nd St. Andrew's Troop, and Scoutmaster D. W. Luke, of the 16th Taikoo Chinese Scouts, took the Scout's Oath on receiving these appointments.

In his report on the last competition, Mr. A. White said:

"When His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited Hongkong, the second-chair he used was specially upholstered, and, after his departure, and with his permission, Sir Reginald Stubbs presented the two silk panels from the sides of the chair made into Banners, to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in this Colony, who gratefully received them and have ever since used them as Challenge Banners for annual competition in Scout and Guide efficiency."

The Scout troop winning it has, for the year of tenure, the right to be called "The Governor's Troop."

Points are given for efficiency, as proved in two rallies at which inter-troop contests are held, founded, on the Tendengfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class and King's Scout Badges, and also by returns from each competing troop showing the year's work in respect of those Badges. The maximum obtainable is 200 points.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking His Excellency the Governor for his continued interest in the movement, and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Mrs. Luard for their great kindness in allowing the Scouts to use the grounds of Headquarters House for the two annual rallies.

The result of the Competition for 1927 is as follows, the Troops being in order of merit:

Troop. Points.

1st H. K. Sea Scouts 199

7th H. K. Troop, King's College 132

20th H. K. Troop, 1st Central 124

6th H. K. Troop, Ellis Kadoorie School 119

10th H. K. Troop, St. Paul's College 110

8th H. K. Troop, 1st S.C.A.A. 104

12th H. K. Troop, Queen's College 93

16th H. K. Troop, Tai-koo Chinese 72

1st H. K. Troop, St. Joseph's College, 5th H. K. Troop, Roving Fifth 61

19th H. K. Troop, 1st Yu-mati, 9th H. K. Troop, Tai-koo Scottish, 13th H. K. Ying Wa College 50

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LOCAL WEDDING.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when Miss Dorothy Sarah Lander, daughter of Bishop Lander of Lyndown Vicarage, New Barnet, Herts, was married to Mr. Evan George Stewart, a son of the late Rev. Robert Warren Stewart. It was appropriate that the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, who was formerly domestic chaplain to Bishop Lander, should be the officiating clergyman. He was assisted by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin of St. Stephen's College.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of the Rev.

A. D. Stewart, by whom she was given away, was charmingly attired in a gown of white georgette and lace, with a veil of Irish lace and she carried a beautiful bouquet of white sweet peas and maiden-hair fern. She was attended by Miss Kathleen Anne Hewitt as bridesmaid and by Master Hugh Featherstone and Master James Stewart as page boys. The bridegroom was prettily dressed in white net with a Dutch bonnet.

The Rev. H. V. Halvard attended the bridegroom as "best man."

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O.

I.T.C.L., the Cathedral organist,

played appropriate music both

when the bride was entering the Cathedral and during the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the service, the guests repaired to St.

Paul's College Hostel, where the reception was held. Later Mr.

and Mrs. Stewart left for their honeymoon, which is being spent

at Taipoo and at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders,

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DR. C. C. WU AND SUN FO'S MISSION.

London, Jan. 25.

A party of fifteen Chinese, headed by Dr. Wu Chao-chu and Mr.

Sun Fo, on December 30 sailed by

the President Wilson on a Cook's tour round the world for the purpose officially to mediate on the revision of the so-called unequal

treaties and to open negotiations

on treaties with countries that at present have no relations with China.

The delegation is booked to Colombo and is planning a

month's tour of India and possibly

visiting Afghanistan, Irak and

Persia, and thence to Turkey and

Europe, after which they will go

to America.—Reuter.

There was no seconder for the motion and it fell to the ground.

The Chairman said that was the first time he had heard that application by the spray was uneven.

He had been led to believe that it was much more even than the brush method.

With the latter there was bound to be streaks.

When there was soot or anything

like that on the wall the brush picked it up and spread it, whereas

with the spray it was covered.

He held no brief for the spraying

method and was absolutely new to it, but if the Board thought the work could be done better with the brush he would endeavour to carry it out.

Dr. Tso instanced similar work

carried out in America by the spray successfully. In Hongkong

Chinese labour had to be relied on. New methods were not quite

understood and some of the work

was done in a pertinaciously manner.

Chicago, Jan. 25.

The federal Reserve Bank has

raised its rediscount rate from

3½ to 4 per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

N. Z. OPPOSITION LEADER'S STATEMENT.

Wellington, Jan. 25.

Prompt action by the League of

Nations to preserve the historic

rights of the Samoans is advocated

by Mr. Holland the leader of the

Opposition in New Zealand, in re-

plying to Mr. Coates' statement.

He declares that the recall of

Major-General Richardson, the

Administrator of Samoa, is an im-

mediate necessity.—Reuter.

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STEEL FROM THE ORE.**COUNTESS DE JANZE.**TESTING POSSIBILITIES IN
GERMANY.FINED 16/- FOR SHOOTING
MR. DE TRAFFORD.

Paris, Dec. 23.

The former Countess de Janze, now Alice Silverthorne, was sentenced this afternoon by the Twelfth Correctional Court to a fine of 100 francs (approximately 16s.) and was bound over for six months.

On March 27 the Countess de Janze, who has since been divorced, shot Mr. Raymond de Trafford in a compartment of the Paris-Boulogne express and then tried to end her own life. She was not tried for attempted homicide, which would have necessitated trial at the Assizes, but it was argued that Countess de Janze was not in a normal state at the time of the shooting.

The preliminary tests have so advanced that plant is being installed with a 30-ton capacity which is expected to begin operations next June. The object of this plant will be to submit to thorough-going examination the economic possibilities of the Hoesch process, which it is anticipated will reduce the cost of steel production by 30 per cent.

The general principle of the process consists in putting in ore and fuel in a bath inside a converter and mixing oxygen with the current of air. In this way the metal can be produced with any desired content of carbon, according as it leaves the converter in the form of steel, or is used as a solution for the furnace.

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THE DUCHESS OF YORK INSPECTS HER REGIMENT.

The Duchess of York, who was gazetted Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry last August, paid her first official visit to the Regiment recently when she carried out an inspection of the 1st Battalion, at Blackdown Camp. Photo shows H.R.H. passing down the lines of the Battalion.

CANTON OFFICIAL DISCHARGED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

view all the documents in the case and allow the question of the documents to stand over until the evidence had been taken.

Eleven Charges.

Counsel's opening of the case was necessarily slowed down by the production of a mass of documents which had to be sorted out, labelled and their respective copies handed both to the Bench and Counsel for the defence. In consequence, Mr. Sheldon's address was incomplete when the Court adjourned for the tiffin interval.

At the outset, Mr. Sheldon alluded to recent political happenings and the movements of certain monies between the Central Bank of Canton and certain foreign Banks in Shamen, to show that between the three days of December 26-29, a large sum, amounting to over \$1 million dollars, was diverted from the vaults of the Central Bank, of which Wong Chung-chu was the Custodian, for purposes which were now indicated to be larceny and embezzlement on eleven counts.

The charges related to funds of the Central Bank which was the Treasury of the Government of Kwangtung Province—a Government which was known and which had acted as the Branch Political Council of Kwangtung.

In tracing the history of the Central Bank of China, Counsel said that it was founded in 1924 by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to serve as the Treasury for the Province of Kwangtung. Its first Governor was Mr. T. V. Soong, who later left Canton. In November of last year, when General Li Chai-sum also left Canton, Chau Min-cho was appointed Head of the Finance Department of the Province, and from this passed on to the Governorship of the Central Bank, being nominated to that position by a faction headed by Chang Fai-kwai, Wong Kee-cheung and Chan Kung-pak and calling themselves the "Ironides."

Chau Min-cho later resigned from the post and it was then that the fugitive Wong Chung-chu came into office as Head of the Central Bank. He had not been long in this office when the regime of the "Ironides" came to an end on December 28.

Transfer to Shamen.

Before this, and before their departure from Canton for Hongkong, the fugitive Wong Chung-chu had made arrangements with the other fugitive who was now discharged, to remit certain monies to Shamen. Of these, \$630,000 in coins were paid out of the Bank's Reserves and taken, under the fugitive's directions, to certain foreign Banks in Shamen.

Further, on December 27, Chan Kung-ye, officer in charge of the Deposits, Loans and Remittances Department of the Central Bank, received instructions to buy \$200,000 Hongkong currency for the purpose of making a remittance to General Chiang Kai-shek. Efforts made in this direction were only partially successful, and after a day's activities, Mr. Chan reported to his Chief that it would take several days to get the full amount.

Remarking that that would be too late, the fugitive directed that a sum of \$700,000 be taken from the Central Bank's reserves with which to buy the required draft and an order to the Cashier was chopped by the fugitive accordingly.

The Allegation.

On the same date, a second order emanated from the fugitive that sum of \$171,000 be turned over for the purpose of giving a bonus to the Bank staff. This was

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1. George Bloomsbury. The statue is that of George I in a Roman tunic.
2. That of the Goddes, who long antedated the Romans.
3. Buckrake, a coarse, glazed linen or hemp fabric; usually for rags.
4. A coarse twilled linen or cotton fabric.
5. Horse-chestnuts threaded on a string.
6. Fetlock, a man who cleans the underframes of carts.
7. Ancient ships had raised "castles" fore and aft, manned by men in armor. The "castle" of St. John's River.
8. The tower of St. John's, Smith-square, Westminster, whose four towers resemble massive table legs.
9. Alexander Pope.
10. Until 1933.
11. 430,000,000.

followed by yet another order that the salaries of the staff for the month of January of this year be paid in advance.

It is alleged that the bonus was never paid out, and also that the greater portion of the monies which were to have been paid out as advances on salaries was withheld.

Mr. Potter:—Can we be told what charge the order for payment of salaries falls under? Also we

would like to be told where exactly is the salary, what is the salary, and the salary of what. All this is necessary.

Mr. Sheldon:—Nothing unfair will be done to your client if I can help it.

Mr. Potter:—Not by you. I would like my friend to understand that anything I may say in this Court is impersonal. It is directed against your client, the Canton Government.

Mr. Lindsell:—The Hongkong Government. Mr. Sheldon represents the Crown.

Mr. Potter:—So it has been ruled. But his late client is the Chinese Government.

Whose Client?

Mr. Sheldon went on to say that on the orders issued by the fugitive on December 28, \$830,000 in silver coins and \$30,800 in Hongkong notes were thus paid out by the Cashier. In addition, Mr. Shiu also turned over to the fugitive \$185,000 in response to the direction that these monies were required by the Internal Loan Bureau for the purpose of the adjustment of National Debts.

Efforts to Secure Loans.

Dealing with the remittances to Shamen, Counsel said efforts were made by the fugitive to obtain loans from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the National City Bank of New York on the security furnished by these subsidiary currency reserves of the Central Bank. For this purpose, 208 cases, containing over \$800,000, were moved into Shamen and left in the Compradore Department of the American Bank while negotiations were opened for the loan. Both Banks named would not do anything without wiring to their respective officers in Hongkong for instructions. Eventually, the specie was removed to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, where Mr. Dunnett, the Manager, would, however, accept the custody of only 148 cases. Negotiations were opened with the Compradore, Mr. Chan Lim-chung, the fugitive offering to buy \$500,000 Hongkong currency and to set off the balance of \$200,000 against a loan made by the former compradore, Chan Lim-pak, to the Canton Government in a transaction known as the Tannery Loan. There was a request that the 60 cases not accepted by Mr. Dunnett should also be disposed off by the Compradore, and the corresponding \$180,632 be sent to the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong.

At this stage, the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.**APPETITE WITHOUT BEING HUNGRY.****AN INTERESTING STUDY.**

Many a person who is not hungry may still have a good appetite. The appetite sensation is a pleasant desire for food in contrast to the painful aspects of the hunger sensation.

People's appetites vary according to their race and education. Savages eat ants and puppy dogs with relish. Eskimos lick their chops over blubber. Scandinavians enjoy hot spices. Americans like raw fish, and Americans seem to prefer pie, ham and eggs and pork and beans.

Many people like their tomatoes with sugar, and others use vinegar, salt and pepper. It makes little difference which the average man uses so far as his digestion is concerned. The proverb that there is no accounting for tastes goes many hundreds of years back into civilization.

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Appetite can be spoiled by the sight, taste or smell of things that are unpleasant. Illness frequently destroys appetite and it is necessary to stimulate it by resort to foods prepared aesthetically and by studying carefully the desires of the invalid.

Just as soon as the person feels appetite the stomach begins to make preparations for the receipt of food. The mouth waters and the saliva that helps to digest the starches begins to flow. The juices of the stomach are secreted, including the pepsin and the hydrochloric acid that digest the proteins. Obviously it is important to have appetite as an aid to digestion.

Bad Appetites.

Dr. Aldrich recognizes two types of children with bad appetites. First are underweight children who have not eaten enough to maintain proper nutrition. Such children show symptoms of hunger such as irritability and fatigue before meal times. They are likely to eat a few mouthfuls or gulp down a glass of milk to stop the hunger pains and then eat no more. The second type of children are those with poor appetites who have been urged or spanked into eating enough food to keep up their nutrition but who seldom feel the desire associated with hunger pains.

Due to poor appetite digestion may be slow and the stomach seldom empty completely so that the hunger pains will not come on. The child who is constantly disturbed at meals may have only unpleasant emotions associated with the idea of eating and therefore never have appetite. The matter is all very complicated and at the same time, when thoroughly reasoned out mechanically and mentally simple.

San Salvador, Dec. 23.—The discovery of Mayan sarcophagi of solid gold in some mines in Guatemala is reported in despatches from Guatemala City. The caskets, inlaid with copper, contained two mummies perfectly preserved.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. De Valera, who arrived here on Wednesday in the Leviathan, announces that he will endeavour to raise the sum of \$250,000 in the United States in order to establish a new Irish newspaper on Republican lines.

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